

**MONDAY**

**WEATHER**

**Tonight:**  
  
**PARTLY CLOUDY**  
**TONIGHT 30°-33°**  
**TOMORROW 38°-42°**

**COMING TUESDAY**



**THE CHRISTMAS STORY**

The reason why we celebrate Christmas is told in this story from the Bible.

**INSIDE**



**SANTA LETTERS**

The Herald asked for letters to Santa and we've got enough to keep him very busy this Christmas Eve. Find out what the children of Howard County want the most in today's edition.

Plus, we bring you a special holiday story written by former Howard County resident Jerry R. Houser.

**BRIEFLY**

**HOLIDAY PAPERS**

The Herald office will be closed on Tuesday and Wednesday as we observe the Christmas holiday. Subscribers will receive their Christmas Eve paper after midnight tonight. There will be no paper Christmas Day. We will reopen for business on Thursday. We at the Herald wish you and yours a very merry Christmas.

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## United Way to allocate more than \$175,000 to area agencies

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
Staff Writer

The United Way of Big Spring and Howard County allocations committee has announced the allocation of more than \$175,000 from the 2002 campaign funds to 14 area agencies.

"The main goal of the allocations com-

mittee is to be good stewards of the money given to the United Way," said Charles Myers, allocations chairman. "If the people giving the money don't have faith in the allocations process then the campaign doesn't do as well."

The committee had the job of distributing the donated

**"Members of the committee took their duties seriously and tried to be fair to each agency."**

Charles Myers, allocations chairman



funds to the 2002 United Campaign which exceeded its goal by raising

a presentation to the allocation committee," Myers said. "After the presentation there is a frank discussion about the merits of each agency."

Myers said the members also study each agency through background information or tours of the agency's facility before the presenta-

tion. "Members of the committee took their duties seriously and tried to be fair to each agency," Myers said. "We selected committee members from a wide range of people. Many had served on the committee in the past but just as many were

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Several hundred people attended the Funtastic Christmas Gift to the Community concert, sponsored by the Downtown Revitalization Association Friday at the Municipal Auditorium. Pictured clockwise from top, West Texas Review band members Bob Korner (left), Zack Casey and Doug Hartman perform for the crowd, while at right, Santa and Mrs. Claus delight young children. Above, KWES-TV personality Stephanie Rivas sings.



HERALD photos/Bruce Schooler.

## Dear Santa,

*Charitable agencies tell tell what they would put on their holiday 'wish list'*

By **ROGER CLINE**

Staff Writer

Jolly old St. Nicholas, lean your ear this way...

All you Herald readers looking to give in a big way, listen up. Several area agencies have their stockings hung by the chimney with care.

Local charity groups can sometimes focus on giving so much that the facilities and equipment they use to do their good deeds get neglected. Donations targeted at fixing these problems can help the agencies do their jobs more efficiently and, in the long run, help a whole crowd of area residents in need of their services.

So, here's a Christmas "wish list":

The Salvation Army is dedicated to serving the needy of the community. Through its programs, it provides holiday food and toys for area families, offers food and shelter year-round for those less fortunate among us and

**"This building was built in 1934. The roof is caving in, the floors are caving in. It's not designed to accommodate all the clients that we serve."**



Max Webb, NCC director

operates a thrift store with inexpensive second-hand clothes, shoes and other items.

Capt. Linda Keeney said the corps really needs a new site for its lodge, the shelter for needy people.

"A new lodge would be wonderful," she said. "If the people have ever seen our lodge, it needs a lot, a lot, a lot of work. The place where people sleep. There are no family rooms. When families stay there, they have to separate from each other, men and women. And if there's like a 13-year-old boy, he has to go to the male side of the dorm. As a mother, I don't like that."

Keeney laid out some desired specifications for a lodge building.

"What we would like is similar to what we have now," she said. "But we would like a men's dorm,

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**"Play-ground equipment. Large play-ground equipment for our older children. Our little toddlers, we have it fixed up really nice."**



Melinda Hernandez, WCC director

## Community wins in friendly competition between two Goliad student service groups

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
Staff Writer

This year's Goliad Cavaliers vs. the Junior Classics annual canned food drive was as fierce as ever but when the dust settled a new champion arose.

"I guess this year the guys didn't want to get beat by twice as many girls," said Gail Berringer, Goliad Junior Classics sponsor.

For the past three years, the Cavaliers, a community service group consisting of sixth-grade boys, challenged their female peers, the Junior Classics, to collect the

**"I feel like what the Classics and Cavaliers are doing is sending out waves to the community and they are coming back."**

Gail Berringer, Goliad Junior Classics sponsor

most canned food for the Salvation Army.

Each year the girls whipped the boys.

As the third annual contest began, it didn't look

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Gail Berringer, middle left, Goliad Intermediate Junior Classics' sponsor, and Patsy Sanchez, Goliad Cavaliers' sponsor, pose with some of their organization's members. This year the boys beat the girls in the annual Classic/Cavaller food drive contest. Also pictured are, Breanna Conners, left, Breanna Palmer, M'Lyn Swinney, Daniel Budke, Suraj Patel and Kade Parker.

HERALD photo/Lynel Moody

# A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

## Obituaries

### Raymond Barraza

A vigil service for Raymond Barraza, 79, of Big Spring will be at 7:30 tonight at Myers and Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Dec. 24, 2002, at St. Thomas Catholic Church with the Rev. James Plagens, pastor, officiating. Burial will be held at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Mr. Barraza died on Saturday, Dec. 21, at his residence following a long illness. Born on Dec. 26, 1922 at Loraine, he married Virginia Garcia on July 6, 1979, in Big Spring. He had been a resident of Big Spring since December 1979 coming from Morrill, Neb.

While in Morrill, Neb., he worked as a Forman for Jordan Agri Chemical Company, retiring in 1974 due to ill health.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia Barraza of Big Spring; five sons, Victor Barraza of Morrill, Neb., David Barraza of Chadwick, Ill., Leonard Barraza of Wyoming, Raymond Barraza Jr. and Johnny Barraza, both of Big Spring; six daughters, Mary Hernandez of Morrill, Neb., Jose Barraza, Julia Barron and Martina Johnson, all of Mitchell, Neb., and Mary Barraza Olivares of Big Spring; two sisters, Ruth Bravo and Carmen Castaneda, both of Bakersfield, Calif.; one brother, Leonardo Barraza of Colorado Springs, Colo.; 27 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

### Dewey Howard

Funeral services for Dewey Howard, 60, of Big Spring are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Mr. Howard died on Sunday, Dec. 22, in a Big Spring hospital.

### Lela Mae Rockstrom

Funeral services for Lela Mae Rockstrom, 84, of Raleigh, N.C., are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Mrs. Rockstrom died Sunday, Dec. 22.

### Martha Parker

Funeral services for Martha Parker, 67, of Stanton, are pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home in Stanton. Mrs. Parker died Sunday, Dec. 22 in a Midland hospital.

## Firefighters respond to two blazes Sunday, early today

HERALD Staff Report

Big Spring and Howard County firefighters have been kept busy responding to fires.

A late Sunday afternoon fire caused by a burning Christmas tree has left extensive damage to a Big Spring residence, said Big Spring Fire Marshal Carl Condray.

The fire left a rough estimate of \$10,000 in structure damage only to a residence in the 1600 block of Wood around 5 p.m., Condray said. Damage was so extensive, the occupants of the home have had to find other housing, Condray said. Many of their belongings were destroyed.

A lighting strike to a oil battery caused the tank to explode and caused a fire early this morning, according to Tommy Sullivan, Howard County Volunteer Fire Department chief.

The tank, leased by Bettis, Betts and Stovall, is located one mile West of Vincent on FM 846 and was destroyed, Sullivan said. A pumper for the company was checking the lease and made the emergency phone call to the Howard County Sheriff's Office.

Fire department units from Jonesboro, Sand Springs and Coahoma responded to the call and contained the fire in about half an hour, Sullivan said.

## Support groups

### MONDAY

☐ TOPS Club TX 21 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), weigh in at 5:30 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m. at Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 West Third.

☐ New Voice Club support group for laryngotomees and families. For more information, call 267-2800.

☐ Encourager's Support Group, all widows and widowers are invited, meets 6 p.m. at Santa Fe Sandwich Shop in the Big Spring Mall. More more information call, 398-5522

☐ Project Freedom, Christian support group for survivors of physical/emotional/sexual and/or spiritual abuse. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241 for dates and times of upcoming groups.

☐ Surviving Pregnancy Loss meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Library Committee Room. Call 681-4430 for more information.

☐ Alcoholics Anonymous meets from noon to 1 p.m. at 615 Settles. Open meeting on fourth floor at VA Medical Center from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

### TUESDAY

☐ TOPS Club TX 1756 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 5:30 p.m. weigh-in, 6 p.m. meeting, Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, 11th and Birdwell, Call 263-2786 or 263-1340 for more information.

## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from 8 a.m. Friday until noon Saturday:

- COSME OCHOA BARRIOS, 25, of Mexico was arrested to hold for the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

- ALEJANDRO FLORES SANCHEZ, 27, of Mexico was arrested to hold for the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

- JULLIAN JAREZ GOMEZ, 20, of Mexico was arrested to hold for the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

- MOISES FUENTES VALASQUEZ, 20, of Mexico was arrested to hold for the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

- SAN LUIS SOTO AGUILAR, 20, of Mexico was arrested to hold for the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

- OMAR JUSTINO GARCIA, 38, of Mexico was arrested to hold for the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

- MATA DELEON, 25, of Mexico was arrested to hold for the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

- CARLOS VASQUEZ CARDONA, 34, of Mexico was arrested to hold for the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

- FAILURE TO IDENTIFY/FUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE was reported in the 300 block of Galveston Street.

- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 100 block of Northeast Ninth Street. Someone reportedly entered the home through an unlocked front door and stole household goods worth \$12.95.

- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 1900 block of North Runnels. A white 1998 Dodge Caravan reportedly sustained \$350 damage in the incident.

## Sheriff's office

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following recent activity:

- JUAN ANTONIO OCHOA, 34, was taken to the Howard County Jail after being arrested by Big Spring Police Thursday on a charge of theft \$50 to \$500.

- EVA GARCIA, 25, of 2622 Fairchild was taken to the Howard County Jail after being arrested by Big Spring Police Friday on charges of drivers license violation, theft \$20 to \$500 by check and failure to identify/fugitive from justice.

- CODY DEJUAN HAWKINS, 20, of 810 Cherry or 711 Wyoming was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana two ounces or less in a drug free zone.

- MICHAEL MICKY HERNANDEZ, 26, of 4006 Parkway was taken to the Howard County Jail after being arrested by Big Spring Police Wednesday on charges of no driver's license and no liability insurance.

- DON EDWARD ATKINSON, 22, of 110 Scout Hut Road was taken to the Howard County Jail after being arrested by Big Spring Police Wednesday on a charge of credit or debit card abuse.

- THEFT was reported in the 1300 block of East County Road 34 and on Old Colorado City Highway at Old McGregor Road.

- LOOSE EMUS were reported on Chaparral Road.
- LOOSE LIVESTOCK was reported on Birdwell Lane.

- SUICIDAL SUBJECT was reported in the 300 block of Rocco Road.

- MAJOR ACCIDENT was reported 10 miles out on Highway 176.

- POSSIBLE MISSING CHILD was reported in the 200 block of North Fourth Street. Deputies learned that the incident involved an assault, not a missing child.

- HARRASSMENT was reported in the 5200 block of Wasson Road.

### WEDNESDAY

☐ AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 615 Settles. Noon Open 12 and 12 Study meeting, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

### THURSDAY

☐ Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.; Women's meeting; 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Non-Smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

☐ Fibromyalgia/Chronic Fatigue Support Group meets at noon at the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center.

### FRIDAY

☐ AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 615 Settles. Noon Open Big Book Study Meeting, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

### SATURDAY

☐ Open Discussion Meeting, 615 Settles noon to 1 p.m. Open Podium/Speakers Meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. Open Birthday Night No Smoking meeting last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

### SUNDAY

☐ Narcotics Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad.

☐ Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to 1:00pm at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

## Bulletin board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald Features Desk at 263-7331, ext. 238 or email jmosley@cscom.net.

### TODAY

St. Circle, Scenic Mountain Medical Center, Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics, 4 p.m. For people 50 years of age and older are invited to participate, 268-4721.

Concerned Citizens, Fiberflex conference room, Bethel St. in the Airpark, 7 p.m. The public is invited.

### TUESDAY

Christmas Eve, Santa sighting day

### WEDNESDAY

Merry Christmas!

## Lottery

Results of the Cash Five drawing Friday night: Winning numbers drawn: 13-23-28-33-36.

Number matching five of five: two.

Prize per winner: \$29,999.

Winning tickets sold in: Houston, Bryan.

Matching four of five: 319. Prize: \$85.

Matching three of five: 6,349. Prize: \$10.

Matching two of five: 59,123. Prize: \$2.

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Friday night: Winning numbers drawn: 4-9-20-24. Bonus Ball: 20.

Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: zero.

Number matching four of four: 21. Prize: \$949.

Number matching three of four, plus Bonus Ball: 64. Prize: \$38.

Number matching three of four: 1,772. Prize: \$19.

Number matching two of four, plus Bonus Ball: 1,352. Prize: \$16.

Number matching one of four, plus Bonus Ball: 8,100. Prize: \$7.

Number matching Bonus Ball alone: 13,445. Prize: \$5.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order:

0-9-4

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday afternoon by the Texas Lottery, in order:

2-3-4

## Take Note

☐ BIG SPRING AND SURROUNDING counties are in critical need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers of the children in the community who have been abused and neglected.

For more information on becoming foster/adoptive families call Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669 or 1-800-233-3405.

☐ SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH, 1209 Wright, has free food for the area needy from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday.

☐ THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM, which delivers to the elderly and homebound, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, we need you.

About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

## Weather

Tonight... Cloudy with a 40 percent chance of light rain. Rain may mix with or change over to light snow by midnight. Lows in the lower 30s. North winds 5 to 15 mph.

Tuesday... Cloudy with a 20 percent chance of light snow in the morning. Highs around 40. North winds 10 to 15 mph.

Tuesday night... Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s. Christmas... Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 40s.

Thursday... Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s and highs around 50.

Friday... Clear. Lows in the mid 20s and highs in the mid 50s.

Saturday and Sunday... Clear. Lows in the lower 30s and highs 55 to 60.

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### WISH LIST

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a women's dorm and then, like, four family rooms, where they have their own bathroom, they have their own room, basically."

The Salvation Army could also use a large, commercial sink at their headquarters.

"The one we have is just a household sink," Keeney said. "We need a commercial sink that's deep. When we do those Thanksgiving meals and things, it's hard to wash those great big pans in those little-bitty sinks."

Victims Services provides a wide range of information and support services for victims of violent crimes. Shann Thomas, executive director of the agency, says a new van would be nice.

"What this van would be utilized for is transportation for victims of domestic violence or sexual assault, or any type of violent crime, to and from where they need to be," she said. "The shelter that we utilize is out of town. They have to use their own transportation, and nine times out of 10, they do not have their own transportation to get to safety."

A lot of times simple logistics of transportation can hinder abuse victims from leaving home, Thomas said. A van would help remedy the problem.

"When law enforcement calls us, we could respond and meet them at the home and then transport the family to shelter," she said.

Thomas said a full-size van would be preferable to a minivan.

"By the time you get stuff loaded — and sometimes you have a family of five — by the time you get belongings and stuff in there, I think it would be better than a minivan," she said.

The Northside Community Center is a neighborhood resource for the needy on Big Spring's north side. The center provides food, assistance with rent and utilities, and educational programs for area residents.

Northside's director, Max Webb, said the center can always use money to help with utility and prescription drug assistance and diapers for children of needy mothers.

"We could use money to fund all those programs," Webb said. "We get a lot of people call wanting toys for kids, turkeys and hams, food."

While Webb tends to focus on the needs of his clients, he later admitted that the community center either needs major renovations or it needs to be relocated to a new building.

"We need a whole new building," he said. "If you've been over here, you know. This building was built in 1934. The roof is caving in, the floors are caving in. It's not designed to accommodate all the clients that we serve. We need more space for classrooms, kids, computers."

Lawyers often provide pro bono services for the community center's

### Contact numbers:

Salvation Army: 267-8239

Victims Services: 263-3312

Northside Community Center: 263-2673

Boys' Club: 263-1822

West Side Community Center and Community Daycare: 263-7841

United Way of Big Spring and Howard County: 267-5201

clients.

"We need more private areas where they can discuss their clients," he said.

While the building isn't an immediate safety hazard, there is a possibility old wiring could pose a fire threat.

The Boys Club of Big Spring offers a structured environment for school-age boys to go after class lets out. For years, the club has provided sports, crafts and educational opportunities to Big Spring's youth, keeping them off the streets and focusing their attention on positive activities.

Boys' Club Director Tony Gonzales said the center could use a new computer system.

"Just about everything needs upkeep here at the Boys' Club," he said. "Maybe the library could use a little bit, because we do have computers but they're some of the older ones that people get rid of and move on to better ones."

Gonzales said the computers the club has now range in degrees of obsolescence.

"Windows 95 are on the newest ones we have," he said. "We have educational games on them, and then just the regular games for recreation. Then we have like the Paint program where they can draw and print out their names, and different kind of stuff."

The Boys Club library currently has about 10 machines and could use at least twice that many.

"I'm pretty sure it would hold quite a few," he said.

The West Side Community Center provides a safe place for elementary-aged children to go after school. The center provides adult supervision, encouraging children to complete their homework before taking part in craft and recre-

ational activities. The center also provides a nutritious after-school snack for the children.

"At the community center we probably need some games and arts-and-craft supplies," said director Melinda Hernandez. "Table games, dolls, Legos, glue, construction paper, scissors."

Computers are also on the wish list for the community center, she said.

"Hey, that would be nice," she said. "We've got some computers that people have donated. They're a little bit outdated, though, but we use them anyway. But that would sure be nice."

Hernandez also directs the West Side Community Day Care Center, providing low-cost daycare services for area residents.

At the daycare, a new paint job and some playground equipment top the list, she said.

"Probably a new paint job. It hasn't been done in a while, and it needs it. We want it to look nice for the kids," she said.

"Playground equipment. Large playground equipment for our children. Our little toddlers, we have it fixed up really nice."

Swingsets, jungle gyms, and other items would be ideal, she said.

And finally, the organization that funds a lot of Big Spring's charitable organizations, including all the ones listed so far in this article, the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County. Although the United Way recently raised a quarter-million dollars in their 2002 fund raising campaign, most of that money goes to fund 14 area agencies.

United Way Director Cynthia Scott said office equipment is needed at the United Way office.

"Specifically, a copier," she said. "We have a copier, but it's pretty old and

it's very, very slow, so it takes a lot of time to run anything off. That's the reason it would be on my wish list, to save time."

Any Santa's helpers out there looking to spread a little holiday cheer can take it for granted that all these agencies have been good boys and girls this year. So dig deep, help out, and let the spirit of Christmas shine through your generosity.

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### RIVALRY

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favorable for the Cavaliers, whose membership of 32 was far out numbered by the 84 dedicated Junior Classic girls.

The day before the contest ended, the boys had collected 54 cans, far less than the piles of food goods stacking up in Berringer's room.

"This boys have really kept me on my toes this year," said Cavalier sponsor Patsy Sanchez.

The boys, Sanchez admits, can procrastinate but when rallied come out strong, so she decided to hold a meeting.

"Thursday (Dec. 19) I meet with all the guys and told them I wasn't happy with them," Sanchez said. "I said 'listen guys, they have 80 something girls and there are 32 of us.'"

The boys got to work and cans and donations began to pour in. Even parents got involved with the contest.

Sanchez schemed an idea after Big Spring Police Officer Lt. Stan Parker, father of Cavalier Cade Parker, brought in a stash of more than 100 cans and bottles about the contest's progress.

"I went to Mrs. Berringer's room and said 'Mrs. Berringer, we need that count,'" Sanchez said in front of the Classics.

Of course, Berringer denied the social studies teacher's request.

"Well, you've forced me to bring in reinforcements," Sanchez told Berringer, as Parker, dressed in his police blues walked into the room.

"Ma'am," Sanchez recalls Parker saying

authoritatively. "We need that count."

"I told them that even at the threat of arrest, I will not give that number," said the quick-witted English teacher. Sanchez was left without a count.

Afterwards, the contest heated up as girls and boys began a plethora of phone calls to parents until the two sponsors finally put a halt on the competition.

At the end of the day, the official count was placed under lock and key until Monday's morning announcement: Cavaliers, 1,255; Junior Classics, 1,229. The boys had beaten the girls by a slim margin of 26 cans.

"Victory was sweet," Sanchez said.

"Now as part of the contest, it's the girls turn to make breakfast for the boys."

"I've taught the Classics a new word," Berringer said. "How to lose graciously."

"The message is still same," said Sanchez. "The real winners are the needy in the community"

— a win made possible by the enthusiasm of the youth whose deeds have sent waves throughout

the community,

Berringer said. "I had a woman at the (Wells Fargo) bank come up to me and said they wanted to buy for a family at Goliad," said Berringer, whose Junior Classics adopted seven children from Child Protective Services' Giving Tree this year. "I feel like what the Classics and Cavaliers are doing is sending out waves to the community and they are coming back."

In all, the fifth and sixth grade center brought in 3,200 cans to help replenish the Salvation Army's food pantry.

Several other schools and businesses also collected much needed canned food for the drive, including KBYG, 180; Startek, 119; ALON USA, 82; Coahoma High School, 843; Coahoma Elementary, 2,399; Big Spring High 1,164; Big Spring Junior High, 1,810; Kentwood, 520; Moss, 580; Washington, 678; Marcy, 2,194; Bauer 923; and Elbow Elementary, 695.

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## Home Hospice

### GIVING IS IN SEASON



Debbie Read RN, CHPN (left) and Kim Gee, RN (right), present Kathy Krensky, (center) of Mobile Meals a check for \$500. The money will be used to deliver meals to senior citizens in Big Spring for the holidays.

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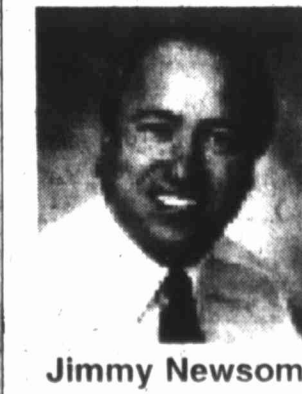
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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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## OUR VIEWS

## Let's work together to make this an enjoyable holiday

As we move into the holiday season with its cheer, family traditions and feelings of blessings, we need to remind ourselves that we also must be cautious. For while most of us see this time as one of giving and sharing, a few see it as an opportunity to take.

Last-minute Christmas shopping is either hectic or a great time, depending on how you approach it. But even the most organized of us finds themselves rushing to the store for one more item. With shoppers everywhere rushing about, it's also a thief's dream come true. As suggested by the Big Spring Police Department and Howard County Sheriff's Office, we offer these tips to help you and yours have a better holiday.

- Keep your vehicle locked at all times, even when just running down to the corner store.
- Don't leave items in sight that might tempt thieves. If they see something they think is valuable, they won't mind breaking out the window to get it. Put obvious valuables in the trunk or remove them from the vehicle.
- Write down serial numbers of all equipment such as CD players and speakers that you can easily remove, so that if they are stolen, the items can be traced.

What goes for your vehicle is important for your home, too. Again, keep your home locked, even if you are going to be gone just for a few minutes. Don't make it easy for a thief.

Finally, be a good neighbor. If you see suspicious activity around a vehicle or a home, call the police or sheriff's office. By working together, we can make this a safer, more enjoyable holiday period for everyone.

And have a very merry Christmas.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Dear Lord, thank you for being an always present help to us during times of trial and trouble.

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## The explosive power of inflation

There is an old Welsh proverb that goes, "money is an eel in the hand." In other words, it's so slippery that it's impossible for most of us to hold on to it.

Back in the 1992 presidential election, the phrase "it's the economy, stupid" not only helped the democrats win the White House, but it also summarized in one simple phrase what is most important to the American people. There is a lot of truth in the saying, "if you really want to get someone's attention, hit them in the pocketbook."

In these modern times, there is no doubt about it, money is very important and there is a factor that we know as "inflation" that determines the value of our money and how much it will purchase. You know about inflation, don't you? Inflation is that \$100 that

you had 20 years ago that would go a long way, and now you won't have much change left if you take your spouse out to dinner some evening.

Several months ago I received a report from my congressman that contained a full page article about inflation. Even before it reached my mail box it was out of date, because as you probably know, the consumer price index is tabulated on a monthly basis and the inflation rate changes.

There are a number of factors that determine the inflation rate, but it is controlled, for the most part, by the Federal Reserve Board when they raise and lower interest rates.

We all know that inflation means higher prices, but here is an example to show how inflation affects you and your family. Back in 1980 the inflation rate was 12.4% and in 1983 it was 2.5%, a difference of roughly 10%. This means that a family of four with an income of \$24,000 is ahead by \$2,440.00 with the lower inflation rate of 2.5%, as opposed to 12.4%. What I really

want to get across to you is this: a lot of people and a lot of politicians would have us believe that inflation is "just a way of life" and that we can live with moderate inflation. What this does is give them room to operate.

What we constantly need to be reminded of is that every 1% increase in inflation increases taxes by 1 1/2%. The people in our country that inflation hurts most are those on a fixed income and those in minimum wage jobs. They have to pay the same prices at the grocery store that the rest of us do.

If our annual income is increasing more than the rate of inflation, then we are not affected too adversely, except for the tax factor. Keep in mind that politicians can give themselves a raise, but most of us can't do that.

The article I mentioned earlier contained a graph showing the explosive power of inflation. Let me show you what inflation does to items worth \$100 over a period of 50 years, and remember, this is your \$100 I'm talking about. Items costing \$100 at 2% inflation in 50

years would cost \$269. Items costing \$100 at 4% inflation in 50 years would cost \$711. Items costing \$100 at 6% inflation in 50 years would cost \$1,841. Items costing \$100 at 8% inflation in 50 years would cost \$11,739. Now, it should be easy to see why a politician would want us to believe that from 4%-6% inflation is acceptable.

This would give them room to operate, but I'm not sure about the rest of us - especially our kids and grandkids.

It may appear that I'm down on politicians, which is not the case. Only those who are greedy and self-serving. Let me say how very much I appreciate those men and women who serve in elected office, who care about America and make decisions based on what is best for our country. In the months and years to come, we must pay off the national debt and get back on solid ground.

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## Books make excellent Christmas gifts

All right, fellow procrastinators. Of course, we have days to go before Christmas - no point in precipitously plunging into purchasing yet. On the other hand, it is not too soon to begin thinking about just how long we can put it off. And following our customary habit of last-minute, one-stop shopping for all, check on the location of your nearest independent bookstore.

Failing that, fall back on a chain. The bookstore is where you can't go wrong on everyone from Great Aunt Pearl to the new in-law who plays golf.

Among the year's special picks:

- "War Is a Force That Gives Life Meaning," by Chris Hedges. A war correspondent for 15 years for The New York Times, Hedges understands on a visceral level what war looks like and does to people. But this book is more important for his extraordinary intellectual struggle to understand the phenomenon. He may not have all the answers, but he sure has some. Heartbreakingly intelligent.

- Exploring the world from a woman's point of view is always a good

way to go, and "The Good Women of China: Hidden Voices," by Xinran, nonfiction, is a perfect example of why. These stories came out of her groundbreaking radio call-in program for women. Many are poignant, some are take-your-breath-away tragic. All together, they give a better sense of what China is like than all the big "overview books" I have read about that country.

- For political junkie friends: "Master of the Senate" by Robert Caro. What can I say? I didn't like his first two books on LBJ, but he nails it in this one.

- "Wealth and Democracy" by Kevin Phillips. In my opinion, the only people writing about politics today who "get it" are those writing from a populist perspective. It's just a matter of keeping your eye on the shell with the pea under it, and Phillips does.

- "A Brilliant Solution: Inventing the American Constitution" by Carol Berkin. This one takes fresh look at the much-trampled ground of Philadelphia in 1787.

What I like about this treatment is that it drops the "It all came down to us written on a stone tablet" pose and goes into all the confusion, paranoia and luck involved. Back to fun: "Tishomingo Blues" by Elmore Leonard. It

includes his usual nutty array of do-badders and incompetents, for some reason starting with a guy who dives off a high platform into small pools (somebody has to do it) and going on to a mad mix of Dixie Mafia and nutcases. (Obligatory disclosure: I have a very slight acquaintance with the author, too.)

- One of the best books written about Enron & Etc. is a novel, "Moral Hazard" by Kate Jennings. How often do you finish a sensitive, well-written book, look up and say, "Good Lord, let's regulate derivatives." For nonfiction, I still like "Pipedreams" by Robert Bryce about Enron, and I do know the author.

- "The Little Friend" by Donna Tartt. Maybe it's the Southern-summer thing, but I loved this book about a gutsy kid who sets out to find out who killed her brother.

- Three recommends on children's books from THE source, Eden Lipson: "The Thief Lord" by Cornelia Funke, for 8 and up - a wonderful adventure set in Venice. "I Stink!" by Kate and Jim McMullan, 4 to 8 - the memoirs of a garbage truck, with the alphabet in what it collects.

"Hoot," by the same Carl Hiaasen who writes wonderful books for grown-ups, 10 and all the way up - an environmental caper novel ... great fun.

FUNDS

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new to the allocations committee.

"Members could only vote on agencies for which they had heard the presentation," said Myers, who did not participate in the voting process. "I think they did an excellent job. It's hard to determine the amounts since every agency has definite needs and all help the community."

Myers welcomes phone calls to answer any questions or to give more information about the allocation process at his office phone, 263-7676.

The allocations for the 14 area agencies of the United Way are as follows:

- American Red Cross, West Texas Chapter, \$19,142.55;
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- The Salvation Army, \$21,463.95;
- West Side Community Center, \$5,652.59;
- West Side Day Care Center, \$19,973.61;
- West Texas Girl Scout Council, \$5,957.41;
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- Friends of the Howard County Library, \$351.56.

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# In the kitchen ...with Beth

**I** will be the first to say there are many recipes and many methods for cooking a turkey. The recipe and comments offered here have produced what I consider to be an excellent meal.

Let's talk about what the definition of roasting... to roast means to cook foods by surrounding them with hot dry air in an oven. In everyday terms, it means the bird is not covered during any of the cooking process. That's because you want it to cook in its natural juices not in a steamed form.

Keep in mind all of the things we have talked about over the past few weeks. Be sure to thaw according to directions on the package of the turkey you buy, as each carries a different set of instructions. Once you thaw the turkey it is important to store it between 32-F and 40-F degrees. During the process we'll use a calibrated thermometer.

Here we go... the recipe we are using calls for a 20-pound bird.

Unwrap the thawed turkey. Remove the giblets from the cavity of the turkey.

Check inside the turkey and make certain it has

been well cleaned. Lock the wings in place by twisting the wingtips behind the back of the turkey.

Season the inside of the turkey with salt and pepper, rubbing the outside skin thoroughly with oil. Place the turkey on one side in a roasting pan.

Place the turkey in a preheated oven at 325-F degrees.

Roast uncovered at this temperature for an hour and a half. Turn the turkey on the other side.

Roast on the other side for an hour and a half. Baste the turkey with drippings, the fat only, every 30 minutes once it's on the second side.

Once it has roasted for the second hour and a half, turn the turkey, breast up. We're then going to place 8 ounces of chopped onions, 4 ounces

of chopped carrots and 4 ounces of chopped celery in the roasting pan. (Be sure not to chop on the cutting board that the turkey may have been placed on when you started).

Return the turkey to the oven and continue to roast, basting occasionally by spooning the fat in the pan over the turkey.

The turkey is done when a thermometer is inserted into the thickest part of the inside of the thigh and registers 180-F degrees.

The total roasting time is about five hours.

If your family is smaller and you use a smaller turkey, cooking time will only be reduced some. You should follow the general directions in total and make certain the bird is at 180-F degrees in the thickest part of the inside of the thigh. This is true regardless of the size of the turkey...large or small.

We have not talked about auxiliary cooking, such as giblets and neck;

if you would like some additional comments on this please feel free to contact me.

In our next visit, which will be after the first of the year, we will talk about some other tasty recipes, including a fabulous chicken dish, and some additional cooking methods.

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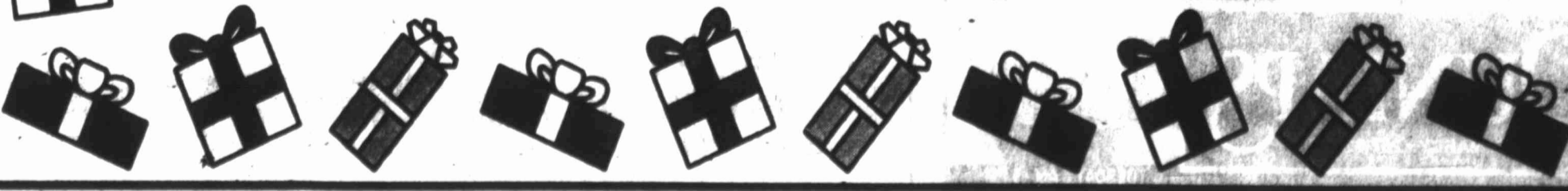


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## Redskins sack Texans, turn attention to Dallas

LANDOVER, Md. (AP) — Daryl Gardener barked a loud reminder in the locker room after Washington's first victory in a month.

"Don't y'all get hyper," the massive defensive tackle said. "We still got Dallas next week."

Barely off the field from Sunday's 26-10 victory over the Houston Texans, the Redskins were already talking about ending a 10-game losing streak to the Cowboys in the season finale.

"Sunday, we've got to end it," receiver Rod Gardner said. "It's done."

Beating the Cowboys would be the best consolation possible

for the Redskins (6-9), who had lost three straight before thumping the expansion Texans. That skid started with a 27-20 road loss to Dallas on Thanksgiving Day.

"We all know who's coming in," said coach Steve Spurrier, who has promised a game ball to owner Dan Snyder the first time he beats Dallas. "We all know they kicked our butts."

The victory over Houston was hardly a monumental feat, but the Redskins were so down in the dumps that a win over a bad NFL Europe team would've felt good. They accomplished things unseen in Washington in a while: two 100-yard rushers,

166 total yards allowed and a safety on special teams.

"When you've lost three in a row, certainly it means a little more," Spurrier said.

"Basically, that was our battle cry this week. Let's try to have a victory party Sunday night. It's been a long time since we've tasted a win. It was important to play well. I thought the effort was a lot better."

The Redskins sacked David Carr three times, giving the Houston quarterback a dubious NFL record of 73 times sacked in a single season. Carr surpassed the record held by Randall Cunningham, sacked 72 times with Philadelphia in

1986. Bruce Smith got two of the sacks, leaving him four behind Reggie White's record.

"I was trying to break some NFL records when I came into the league, but hopefully not that one," Carr said.

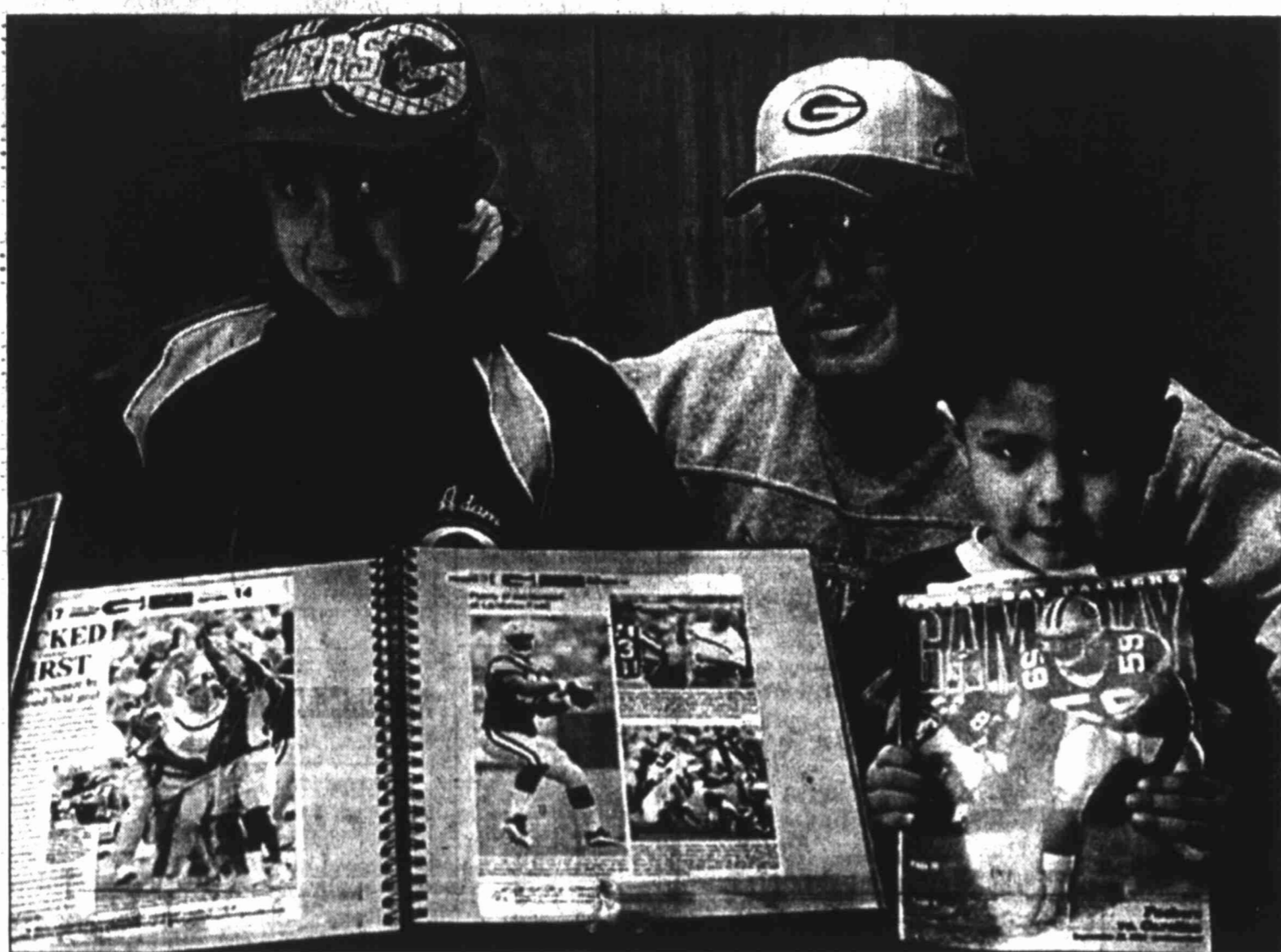
Patrick Ramsey threw two touchdown passes and got his first victory as a starter. Rookie Ladell Betts (20 carries, 116 yards and a touchdown) and first-year player Kenny Watson (20 carries, 110 yards) became Washington's first 100-yard same-game tandem since Keith Griffin (164) and George Rogers (124) on Nov. 3, 1985.

Betts and Watson shared running duties because Stephen

Davis is out with a separated shoulder. And they offered hope Davis can be replaced if, as expected, Davis is released for salary cap reason.

The only downside for Washington was its incredibly woeful punting game. Craig Jarrett shanked a pair of 10-yards and had another blocked by Jimmy McClain. It was recovered by Kevin Williams in the end zone for Houston's only touchdown.

The Texans (4-11) came to town with a load of ex-Redskins in tow — 15 front office workers followed general manager Charley Casserly south to Houston.



Former Big Spring resident Pete Navarette (center) brought his grandsons Adam (left) and Matthew Gomez 'home' this past weekend to visit the hometown of Daniel "Bubba" Franks. All three El Paso residents plan to join the city of Big Spring in watching the Packers in the playoffs.

## In search of 'Bubba'

### Grandfather helps grandson learn more about Packers, Franks with trip 'home'

By TOMMY WELLS  
Sports Editor

Pete Navarette grew up in Big Spring in a time simply known as BC — Before the Cowboys.

During the 1950s when he was growing into a young man, the main flavor of the National Football League was cheese. Wisconsin's cheese-colored Green Bay Packers, to be more precise.

Navarette fell in love with the Packers at a young age. Bart Starr and Paul Hornung became the rage for a young man in love with football — a few years before Clint Murchison Jr. purchased the team that would later become "America's Team."

"I just took to the Packers real early," said Navarette. "When I was growing up, the Cowboys weren't around and then I joined the Army and went to France, so I never really had a chance to grow with them. But I always had the Packers."

"It used to drive my parents crazy," he said. "They were big Cowboys fans. They used to tell me 'You're a Texan, you should root for the Cowboys.'"

"I had already found my team, though. I've loved the 'Power of Cheese' for as long as I can remember."

Through the years, the love for the Packers never faded. After being released from the Army in 1961, he returned to Big Spring — only to find his future wife, Mary Lou, had been transferred to El Paso, along with her family, by the railroad.

Thus, Navarette set sail for the El Paso.

"She didn't get far enough way," he said. "When I got out I found her."

And life went on for Navarette,

his spouse — and the Packers. Despite enduring more than a decade of being an NFL doorman, the couple ventured to Green Bay on several occasions.

How could life get any better? Somehow, it always does.

The love affair took on a second generation seven years ago, when Navarette and his wife — also a native of Big Spring — welcomed a grandson, Adam, to the fold. At the ripe young age of 1, Adam Gomez became a full-fledged member of the Packers Titledown Fan Club in El Paso.

It was music to the ears of Navarette, who grew up living just four blocks away from his future wife.

It was reason for him to bring his grandson five hours east of the Border City to walk in the steps of one of the Packers' biggest stars — Daniel "Bubba" Franks.

"This is something he wanted to do," said Navarette, who still refers to Big Spring as 'home.' "He's a big Packers fan. I told him we wouldn't see Bubba here because he was still playing, but he still wanted to come and see where he grew up. So, we decided to bring him here to see where Bubba grew up."

Navarette, Gomez — and his youngest grandson Matthew — visited Big Spring over the weekend. They drove by the high school, the football field and went up and down Gregg Street "looking for Bubba."

"I'd like to meet him," said Gomez. "He's my second-favorite player on the whole team."

His failure to "find Bubba" didn't leave the 7-year-old grandson — or grandfather — disappointed. It just meant another trip would have to be made later.

"We'll try and come back again when he's in town. Maybe we can make it the next time the city has 'Bubba Franks Day,'" Navarette said.

Who's No. 1 on Adam's list? Brett Favre, of course.

The trip to Big Spring wasn't a total wash, however. The three also dropped in for a visit with relatives. Navarette's sister, Helen Anguiana, still lives in Big Spring, giving him the chance to come. His older sister, Esther Hernandez, passed away last year. She was a longtime educator in the area.

Big Spring isn't the only treat Navarette has had for his cheese-enamored grandson. Last September, he and his wife surprised him with a trip to Lambeau Field to watch Franks and the Packers play Carolina.

It turned out to be a memorable day for all. Franks, an All-Pro tight end who starred at Big Spring High School under head coach Dwight Butler, helped the Packers beat the Panthers, 17-14, by throwing a 31-yard pass to wide receiver Donald Driver.

"I didn't know we were going to the game," said Adam, the son of Jacqueline and Joe Gomez of El Paso. "They told me I was going to a doctor's appointment. We went for a long time and then I saw all this stuff and asked 'Where are we?'"

"I didn't believe we were going to the stadium until we got there," he added. "It was great. I got to see Brett (Favre) and Bubba play at the same time."

Navarette is already planning another trip to Lambeau — for Matthew — in the near future.

"He's getting big enough to be a Packer now," he said.

## Battle leads Ryan to rout of Brenham

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — James Battle threw two touchdown passes and ran for 133 yards and a score Saturday as Denton Ryan won the Class 4A Division II state championship with a 38-8 victory over Brenham.

Battle completed eight of 18 passes for 188 yards, including a 43-yard TD pass that helped Ryan (15-1) go up 24-8 at halftime.

Philip Jones had four receptions for 148 yards and two touchdowns for Ryan, which last year won the Class 4A Division I title with a 42-35 overtime win over Smithson Valley.

Earl Goldsmith opened scoring for Ryan with a 22-yard run with 8:51 left in the first quarter.

Brenham (14-2) answered in the first with Jeremy Lewis' 1-yard score on fourth down after a drive that lasted 7:40. Lewis led Brenham with 80 yards on 18 carries.

But after that, Ryan shut down Brenham, whose victories this season were by at least 14 points.

Brenham had 51 total yards in the first half, 120 on the game.

Justin Hardman, who had 1,193 rushing yards this season for Brenham, was held to 19 yards on seven carries.

### Class 5A Southlake Carroll 45, Smithson Valley 14

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Chase Wasson threw for 490 yards and five touchdowns as Southlake Carroll defeated Smithson Valley 45-14 Saturday in the Class 5A Division II state championship game.

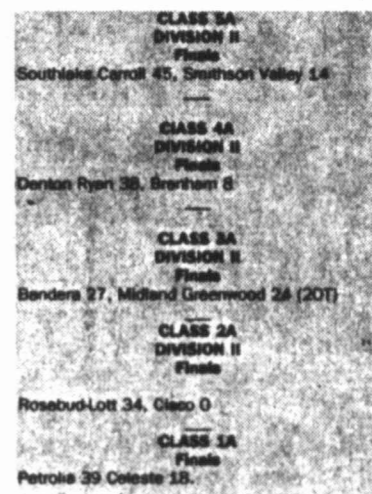
Wasson was 26-of-31 with two interceptions, and by halftime had 287 yards in the air and three scores. Carroll led 24-7 at the break.

Tre Sellari had eight receptions for 124 yards for the Dragons, Andrew Hansen had seven for 123, and Scott Chandler caught six for another 163. Aaron Luna ran 12 times for 95 yards.

Smithson Valley's only scoring drive of the game was capped by a 6-yard run by Mark Mecke with 1:53 in the first and gave the Rangers their only lead at 7-3.

Mecke ran for 61 yards on 19 carries. Andrew Woodchick was 9-of-18 with 154 yards and two interceptions for the Rangers.

The Rangers defense had only been allowing 12.3 points a game before



CLASS 3A  
DIVISION II  
Finals  
Smithson Valley 45, Southlake Carroll 14

CLASS 4A  
DIVISION II  
Finals  
Denton Ryan 38, Brenham 8

CLASS 2A  
DIVISION II  
Finals  
Brenham 27, Midland Greenwood 26 (2OT)

CLASS 2A  
DIVISION II  
Finals  
Rosebud-Lott 34, Cisco 0

CLASS 1A  
Finals  
Petrolia 39, Celeste 18

CLASS 2A  
Rosebud-Lott 34,  
Cisco 0

WACO (AP) — Jordan Parcus rushed for 106 yards and a touchdown and threw TD passes of 27 and 57 yards as Rosebud-Lott beat Cisco 34-0 for the Class 2A Division II state title Saturday night.

Parcus went 11-of-19 for 160 yards as Rosebud-Lott (15-1) won its first state championship.

Cisco (15-1) never was close after losing four of six fumbles and threw an interception.

With Rosebud-Lott leading 21-0 in the third quarter, Parcus hit Eric Woodruff with a 57-yard strike. Parcus finished the scoring on the Cougars' next possession, on a 38-yard touchdown run.

Jake Morgan led the Cisco offense with 75 yards rushing on 20 carries.

Rosebud-Lott went up 13-0 on Parcus' 27-yard TD pass to Justin Goolsby after Cisco fumbled a kickoff return. Ricky Mitchell missed the extra point for Rosebud-Lott.

Parcus completed six of 10 passes for 88 yards in the first half, with Goolsby catching four passes for 74 yards.

### Class 1A Petrolia 39, Celeste 18

COPPELL (AP) — David Nelson caught two touchdown passes from Justin Creech to lead Petrolia to the Class A state championship with a 39-18 victory over Celeste.

Petrolia won its first state title, after losing in the playoffs to Celeste the previous two seasons. Celeste also lost in the title game last year, to Burkeville.

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THE FAMILY CIRCUS comic strip featuring a family of circus animals and a child.

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People In The News County. Jon Stewart is going from late night to prime time. The host of "The Daily Show" on Comedy Central has signed a development deal with NBC for a sitcom that will begin in fall 2003.

Newsday Crossword WHEELS by Lee Weaver Edited by Stanley Newman. Includes a crossword puzzle grid and a list of clues.

# Letters to Santa

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Monday, December 23, 2002

Mrs. Witt's Class  
Dear Santa,  
I would like for you to bring me a Barbie Radio, Lawn Barbie and a Ladybug. I have been really good this year. I will leave you corn to eat and som milk to drink. I will bring you a reindeer. I love you  
Sterling Freeman Age 3

Dear Santa,  
I would like for you to bring me Barbie roller skates, a baby doll, a Barbie bike and a Barbie car. I will leave you a hamburger to eat and some Sprite to drink. I will give you a bike. I have been really good and I love you Santa. Please bring Mrs. Witt a shirt with Santa's on it  
Jasmine Grosse Age 4

Dear Santa,  
I would like for you to bring me an Airplane station with an airplane on it. I want a punching bag it is a red man with black on it. I also want a car bed. I have been really really good this year and I will leave you some animal cookies and some milk to drink. I want to bring Mrs. Witt some candles, she loves them. I love you. I want to give you an alarm clock so you can wake up really fast.  
Ross Freeman Age 4

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a baby bear like the one I already have. I also want a little ladybug. I want a lot of markers with a desk. I want a Santa Claus toy. I will leave you pizza to eat and milk to drink. I would like to get you another snack too. I have been good. Please bring Mrs. Witt a ring that is gold.  
Kolten Crawford Age 5

Dear Santa,  
I would like for you to bring me a Barbie, a bear. I would like to give you a butterfly. I have been really really good this year. I love you Santa Claus. I will leave you a peanut butter sandwich and a Dr. Pepper to drink. Would you please bring Mrs. Witt a cross she has been really good also.  
Hannah Tucker Age 4

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a bike. I want a Spider Man that shoots spider webs. I want a motorcycle. I have been good and I will leave you a ice cream cake and some milk to drink.  
Granger Newton Age 4

Dear Santa,  
I would like for you to bring me a bike and a cross and a computer. I will leave you some birthday cake to eat and some Dr. Pepper to drink. I will give you a ladybug. I have been good this year. Bring Mrs. Witt a cross too.  
Kate McMahon Age 3

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a drum and thing you boom with. I also want something to work on computers with. I will leave you cheese to eat and some tea to drink. I have been good.  
Ryan Dimidjian Age 4

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Barbie player, a clock to wake me up in the morning. Also I would like a telephone so you can call my friends. I have been really good this year. I will leave you turkey to eat and some sour white milk for you to drink.

Please bring Mrs. Witt a butterfly she has been good.  
Hannah Jensen Age 4

Dear Santa,  
I would like for you to bring me a dirt bike, a gun machine and some Batman's. I will leave you pizza to eat and some Coke to drink. I will give you some candy for your present. I love you and I have been really good.  
Braxton Coor Age 3

Dear Santa,  
I would like for you to bring me play station games, Spider Man toys and Batman toys. I have been good this year and I love you. I will leave you cookies to eat and a Sprite to drink. Ms. Dana needs a cross too she has been good.  
Ben Mikeska Age 4

Garden City 1st Grade

Dear Santa,  
I want you to breening evre presin to the childrn and I plees wnt a bike and mackup and a spris. I like those presenss. I hope you make a good trip.  
Love, Kamie

Dear Santa,  
How have you been? Have you had a good year? I bet it fun to ride in your sleigh. Please give me a robbot shark and a 10 speed bike.  
Love, Chris

Dear Santa,  
How have you been? Will you give me a soldiers and a toy, a truck and a indens and some candy  
Love, Angel

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Love, Coby

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Love, Keith

Dear Santa,  
I hope roodoff duzzint git sick. Pleezz bring me a motorcycle I am going to leev you some candy.  
Love, Bryson

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Love, Vanessa

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Love, Jessie

Dear Santa,  
Do you have thick cloes on at Christmas. I bet I am on the "good" list. I bet I am not on the bad list. I think you will bring me angel.  
Love, Tina

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Love, Peter

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I hope roodoff duzzint git sick. Pleezz bring me a motorcycle I am going to leev you some candy.  
Love, Bryson

Dear Santa,  
How have you been? Have you had a good year? Please can you give me a lipstick.  
Love, Vanessa

Dear Santa,  
I hope thet Im on uour good list. Pleuse bring me a paiats. Have a safe trip  
Love, Jessie

Dear Santa,  
Do you have thick cloes on at Christmas. I bet I am on the "good" list. I bet I am not on the bad list. I think you will bring me angel.  
Love, Tina

Dear Santa,  
I hope you do not git lost are you have a good Cupid. Comet. Vixon. Prancer. Dancer. Dasher. Donner. blitzen. Rudolph  
Love, Ismael

Dear Santa,  
I hope I am on your good list. Please bring me a pitcer of you and mises Clos and of your raindir uspeshulee Rudolph. Please bring me one toy trane. Pease bring me a big big dog. Have a feree meree Crismus

how is your elves going? And give me nice presents sooner or later. And that's just about everything.  
Love, Nicholas

Dear Santa,  
I want you to come to my house when it is Christmas. I love you, Santa. And I like you to come to my house to give me presents. I want a toy to play with and some books and then some stuff for my sister.  
Love, Lucero

Dear Santa,  
I'll make you some cookies and milk and I'd like a brand new fishing pole and another dog. I'd like a tv. Thanks for a punching bag.  
Love, Shelton

Dear Santa,  
I might give you some cookies. I might have a stocking. I put up a Christmas tree. I would like a little toy truck that has a remote control to move it around.  
Love, Tyler

Dear Santa,  
I hope that you come to my house. I hope you have a nice Christmas.  
Love, Zachary

Dear Santa,  
You're pretty cool. You're awesome. I'll make you some cookies and milk. I want a trampoline. I hope you come to my house.  
Love, Breanna

Dear Santa,  
I have a pretty house that you bought me for Christmas. I love you that you brought me a rocking chair. I like my bear. I hope you like my Christmas tree.  
Love, Kaitlyn

Dear Santa,  
I love my mommy and my daddy and my sister and my brother and my teddy bear. I love my computer. I love my doggy and I love my kitty cat-a toy kitty cat.  
Love, Valerie

Dear Santa,  
I want a skunk. I want a car and tv.  
Love, Bruce

Dear Santa,  
I want a Christmas present and a trampoline. It's got a "p" in it. I want a coloring box cause mine is broken. I want a learn how to spell ABC's.  
Love, Abel

Dear Santa,  
I want you to come to my house. I hope it snows so it can be Christmas. Can I have a Christmas tree and can I be in the blue group?  
Love, Alexandria

Dear Santa,  
Hello. I want a doll house and Barbie. That all. I didn't see you at my Grandpa's house. Come to my house.  
Love, Desiree

Dear Santa,  
I love you. I want a teddy bear for Christmas.  
Love, Brent

Dear Santa,  
Will you come to my house, Santa? And, Santa, can you give me a Power Ranger toy? Santa, I love you. Will you see me? Santa, I wish for a Christmas tree for lights.  
Love, Hilario

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Dear Santa,  
Thank you, Santa, for the toys. You are the best! Thank you, Santa, for coming.  
Love, Carl

Garden City Kindergarten  
Dear Santa,  
I am Hope Allen and I live in Garden City, TX. Mom and Dad told me to write to you and let you know what I want for Christmas.

I have been a very good girl this year, I even help my mom and dad. So for Christmas, I would like: Barbie camera, picture frame and video tape.

Thank you Santa! I will be sure to leave you cookies for your visit to my house on Christmas Eve!  
Your friend,  
Hope Allen

Dear Santa,  
I am Vanessa Barco and I live in Garden City, TX. Mom and Dad told me to write to you and let you know what I want for Christmas.

I have been a very good girl this year, I even help take care of my baby brother. So for Christmas, I would like; skates, Barbie and a new bike.

Thank you Santa! I will be sure to leave you cookies for your visit to my house on Christmas Eve!  
Your friend,  
Vanessa Barco

Dear Santa,  
I am Araceli Bocanegra and I live in Garden City, TX. Mom and Dad told me to write to you and let you know what I want for Christmas.

I have been a very good girl this year, I even help my mom. So for Christmas I would like; a Barbie, a new pair of shoes and a box of colors.

Thank you Santa! I will be sure to leave you pizza for your visit to my house on Christmas Eve!  
Your friend,  
Araceli Bocanegra

Dear Santa,  
I am Marley Braswell and I live in Garden City, TX. Mom and Dad told me to write to you and let you know what I want for Christmas.

I have been a very good girl this year, I even play with my brother. So for Christmas, I would like; a Rapunzel Barbie, a Barbie Ice Skating CD and a calculator.

Thank you Santa! I will be sure to leave you cheese for your visit to my house on Christmas Eve!  
Your friend,  
Marley Braswell

Dear Santa,  
I am Manuel Castanuela and I live in Garden City, TX. Mom and Dad told me to write to you and let you know what I want for Christmas.

I have been a very good boy this year, I even listen to my mom and dad. So for Christmas I would like: a Spiderman game, a dirt bike and a computer.

Thank you Santa! I will be sure to leave you deer meat for your visit to my house on Christmas Eve!  
Your friend,  
Manuel Castanuela

Dear Santa,  
I am Aaron Enriquez and I live in Garden City, TX. Mom and Dad told me to write to you and let you know what I want for Christmas.

I have been a very good boy this year, I even keep my room clean. So for Christmas, I would like; a helmet, a bike and a football.

Thank you Santa! I will be sure to leave you cake for your visit to my house on Christmas Eve!  
Your friend,  
Aaron Enriquez

Dear Santa,  
I am Hope Allen and I live in Garden City, TX. Mom and Dad told me to write to you and let you know what I want for Christmas.

I have been a very good girl this year, I even help my mom and dad. So for Christmas, I would like: Barbie camera, picture frame and video tape.

Thank you Santa! I will be sure to leave you cookies for your visit to my house on Christmas Eve!  
Your friend,  
Hope Allen

I am Alicia Gutierrez and I live in Garden City, TX. Mom and Dad told me to write to you and let you know what I want for Christmas.

I have been a very good girl this year, I am even nice to my brothers. So for Christmas I would like; A Barbie, a doll and some Barbie clothes.

Your friend,  
Alicia Gutierrez

Dear Santa,  
I am Oscar Gutierrez and I live in Garden City, TX. Mom and Dad told me to write to you and let you know what I want for Christmas.

I have been a very good boy this year, I even listen to mom and dad. So for Christmas, I would like; a Spiderman toy, a football and a baseball.

Thank you Santa, I will be sure to leave you cookies for visit to my house on Christmas Eve.  
Your friend,  
Oscar Gutierrez

Dear Santa,  
I am Holly Halfmann and I live in Garden City, TX. Mom and Dad told me to write to you and let you know what I want for Christmas.

I have been a very good girl this year, I even clean up the house with my mom. So for Christmas, I would like; a baby stroller, a CD case with CD's and a pretty baby doll.

Thank you Santa! I will be sure to leave you cookies and milk for your visit to my house on Christmas Eve!  
Your friend,  
Holly Halfmann

Dear Santa,  
I am Ty Halfmann and I live in Garden City, TX. Mom and Dad told me to write to you and let you know what I want for Christmas.

I have been a very good boy this year, I'm even nice to my brothers and sister. So for Christmas I would like; a set of GI Joe men, a rescue hero and a car water blaster.

Thank you Santa! I will be sure to leave you cookies and milk for your visit to my house on Christmas Eve!  
Your friend,  
Ty Halfmann

Dear Santa,  
I am Colten Hare and I live in Garden City, TX. Mom and Dad told me to write to you and let you know what I want for Christmas.

I have been a very good boy this year, I even clean my room. So for Christmas, I would like; a toy motorcycle, a bb gun and a new puppy.

Thank you Santa! I will be sure to leave you cookies for your visit to my house on Christmas Eve!  
Your friend,  
Colten Hare

Dear Santa,  
I am Daeley Havlak and I live in Garden City, TX. Mom told me to write to you and let you know what I want for Christmas.

I have been a very good girl this year, I even take care of my little sister, Kenzie. So for Christmas, I would like; a new bike, a horn for the bike and a little Christmas tree.

Thank you Santa! I will be sure to leave you chocolate chip cookies for your visit to my house on Christmas Eve!  
Your friend,  
Daeley Havlak

Dear Santa,  
I am Brazos Hirt and I live in Garden City, TX. Mom and Dad told me to write to you and let you know what I want for Christmas.

I have been a very good boy this year, I even use my manners. So for Christmas, I would like; a

see mill log set, a Santa Fe train and a round house for my train set.

Thank you Santa! I will be sure to leave you cookies and milk for your visit to my house on Christmas Eve!  
Your friend,  
Brazos Hirt

Dear Santa,  
I am Maddie Hoelscher and I live in Garden City, TX. Mom and Dad told me to write to you and let you know what I want for Christmas.

I have been a very good girl this year, I even help my grandma and grandpa. So for Christmas, I would like; a little back pack, the Spirit movie and a lamp for my room.

Thank you Santa! I will be sure to leave you cookies and milk for your visit to my house on Christmas Eve!

Your friend,  
Maddie Hoelscher

Dear Santa,  
I am Rico Mier and I live in Garden City, TX. Mom and Dad told me to write to you and let you know what I want for Christmas.

I have been a very good boy this year, I even listen to my mom and dad. So for Christmas, I would like; a bike, a fish toy and a pencil sharpener.

Thank you Santa! I will be sure to leave you cookies for your visit to my house on Christmas Eve!  
Your friend,  
Rico Mier

Dear Santa,  
I am Antonio Ramirez, Jr. and I live in Garden City, TX. Mom and Dad told me to write to you and let you know what I want for Christmas.

I have been a very good boy this year, I even play with my brothers. So for Christmas, I would like; a race car, a toy car and a car that lights up.

Thank you Santa! I will be sure to leave you cookies and cake for your visit to my house on Christmas Eve!  
Your friend,  
Antonio Ramirez, Jr.

Dear Santa,  
I am Ismael Ramirez and I live in Garden City, TX. Mom and Dad told me to write to you and let you know what I want for Christmas.

I have been a very good boy this year, I even play with my brother. So for Christmas, I would like; a Spiderman wall, Barbie, Barbie jeep, and a computer.

Thank you Santa! I will be sure to leave you cookies for your visit to my house on Christmas Eve!  
Your friend,  
Ismael Ramirez

Dear Santa,  
I am Dylan Marquez and I live in Garden City, TX. Mom and Dad told me to write to you and let you know what I want for Christmas.

I have been a very good boy this year, I even play with my brother. So for Christmas, I would like; a Spiderman wall, Barbie, Barbie jeep, and a computer.

Thank you Santa! I will be sure to leave you cookies for your visit to my house on Christmas Eve!  
Your friend,  
Dylan Marquez

Dear Santa,  
I am Mia Oliva and I live in Garden City, TX. Mom and Dad told me to write to you and let you know what I want for Christmas.

I have been a very good girl this year, I even play with my brother. So for Christmas, I would like; a Spiderman wall, Barbie, Barbie jeep, and a computer.

Thank you Santa! I will be sure to leave you cookies for your visit to my house on Christmas Eve!  
Your friend,  
Mia Oliva

Dear Santa,  
I am Reyna Rios and I live in Garden City, TX. Mom and Dad told me to write to you and let you know what I want for Christmas.

I have been a very good girl this year, I even play with my brother. So for Christmas, I would like; a Spiderman wall, Barbie, Barbie jeep, and a computer.

Thank you Santa! I will be sure to leave you cookies for your visit to my house on Christmas Eve!  
Your friend,  
Reyna Rios

Dear Santa,  
I am Matthew Rios and I live in Garden City, TX. Mom and Dad told me to write to you and let you know what I want for Christmas.

I have been a very good boy this year, I even play with my brother. So for Christmas, I would like; a Spiderman wall, Barbie, Barbie jeep, and a computer.

Thank you Santa! I will be sure to leave you cookies for your visit to my house on Christmas Eve!  
Your friend,  
Matthew Rios

Christmas Eve!  
Your friend,  
Brylie Schaefer

Dear Santa,  
I am Susana Suderman and I live in Garden City, TX. Mom and Dad told me to write to you and let you know what I want for Christmas.

I have been a very good girl this year, I even play nicely with my brothers and sisters. So for Christmas, I would like; a doll, a pillow and a little doll house.

Your friend,  
Susana Suderman

Dear Santa,  
I am Elizabeth Zuniga and I live in Garden City, TX. Mom and Dad told me to write to you and let you know what I want for Christmas.

I have been a very good girl this year, I even picked up my toys. So for Christmas, I would like; a Barbie, a movie and a bike.

Thank you Santa! I will be sure to leave you cookies for your visit to my house on Christmas Eve!  
Your friend,  
Elizabeth Zuniga

Dear Santa!  
I am Angel Zuniga and I live in Garden City, TX. Mom and Dad told me to write to you and let you know what I want for Christmas.

I have been a very good boy this year, I even play with my brothers. So for Christmas, I would like; a race car, a toy car and a car that lights up.

Thank you Santa! I will be sure to leave you cookies and cake for your visit to my house on Christmas Eve!  
Your friend,  
Angel Zuniga

Lakeview Headstart Room 113  
Dear Santa,  
We are writing to your from Lakeview Headstart, Room 113. Here is name list of the children in this class and what the want for Christmas:

Kariacyss Brown-Barbie, Lite Brite, and an Easy-Bake oven.  
Sky Ferrel-Computer and a necklace  
Alexis Garcia-Barbie Computer and a Barbie  
Lorenzo Jones-Motorcycle, Lite Brite, race track and a race car.  
Darius Leos-Game Boy, Play Station, Lite Brite and Hot Wheels  
Luc Lewis-Power Rangers, Spiderman movie, computer and Batman shoes.  
Amanda Lopez-Spiderman wall, Barbie, Barbie jeep, and a computer.  
Dylan Marquez-Hot Wheel computer, and a Spiderman Web Blaster  
Mia Oliva-Harry Potter video game and a Spiderman Web Blaster  
Serena Ramirez-Scouter, Barbie clothes and games.  
Corban Ramos-Motorcycle, computer and a truck  
Macaela Rangel-Barbie and movies  
Gilbert Reyna-Spiderman playset and a race car truck  
Matthew Rios-Spiderman toy, motorcy-

cle and a scooter  
Adrianna Rodriguez, Dora movie and a Barbie computer  
Jimmy Roper-Motorcycle, race car, plane and a toy doggie.  
Joe Angel Torres-Game boy, Play Station II game, Lite Brite and a truck.  
Marco Torres-Scooby-Do game and a computer  
Juan Valbuena-Spiderman Web Blast, Harry Potter video game and a car  
Jessica Yanez-Barbie computer and a Barbie  
Thank You  
Mrs. Belinda Baeza  
Mrs. Linda Rosas  
P.S. Merry Christmas!

Dear Santa,  
I want a lunch box, Power Ranger one. Thank you Santa for our house.  
Love,  
Michel

Dear Santa,  
Thank you for coming. Thank you for giving me presents. Bring me a Jet toy.  
Love,  
Ryan

Dear Santa,  
I like you because you bring me presents. Please bring me a Magic Talking Grill when you come to my house on Christmas.  
Love,  
Toby

Dear Santa,  
I want a dog, a white and black one. I wish I could go with you so I could help put presents under the trees.  
Love,  
Rayanne

Dear Santa,  
I love because you bring us presents all the time at Christmas. Santa, I want a white dress that has glitter on it with a rose on it. A nice picture of my family.  
Love,  
Crystal

Dear Santa,  
I like you because your nice to people. Merry Christmas! I would like a horse. A real horse. I love Santa Claus. When I hear a sound I know you are coming. I like presents when you come.  
Love,  
Alex

Dear Santa,  
You're a very good guy. Why do you come at night and not at days? I love you Santa. I want a bike because I've never had one. Have a great day!  
Love,  
Chirag

Dear Santa,  
I love you. I love your sleigh. Santa would you bring me a cheerleaders thing, would you buy me some earrings and a dress?  
Love,  
Ariel

Dear Santa,  
I love you. could you give us some presents? I would like a puzzle and a doll. Could you come to our house?  
Love,  
Bianca

Dear Santa,  
I love you. Can I have a toy? I would like a Hot Wheels car. Do you like cats? I have one cat so be careful when you come in my house.  
Love,  
Alec

Dear Santa,  
I wish that you would send me a toy for Christmas. I would like a Scooby Do toy. We don't have a chimney, we just have a door. I wish you will come.  
Love,  
Adriana

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We're sending our best wishes to the many good friends and neighbors we've had the pleasure of serving this year. May your heart and home be filled with good, old-fashioned Christmas cheer.

We look forward to your continued serving you in the year ahead.

EARTHCO

Dear Santa,  
Thanks for the birds. I would like a talking bird. How are the reindeers doing? Thanks for all the toys you give us.  
Love,  
Morgan

Dear Santa,  
I wish you have a good Christmas. I want a Playstation 2 and a Game Cube. I want a mask to wear on my face. I would like the Brown Bear and Brown Bear book.  
Love,  
Erik

Dear Santa,  
I want Woody and Buzz. I love you so much. I like your reindeers. Will you come to my house and bring me a lot of presents?  
Love,  
Julian

Washington Elementary  
Mrs. Williams Class

Dear Santa,  
This Christmas I would like you to bring me books, a doll and a bike.  
Thank you,  
Alex Kinchiloe

Dear Santa,  
This Christmas I would like you to bring me a ball.  
Thank you,  
Gabriel Garcia

Dear Santa,  
This Christmas I would like you to bring me a ball, computer, The Grinch and a movie.  
Thank you,  
Madison Currie

Dear Santa,  
This Christmas wuld lik you to bring me ball, roll blades, and power puff girls.  
Thank you,  
Deanna Bocker

Dear Santa,  
This Christmas I would like you to bring me Grinch Move and Christmas chre and moove stashing and mooves.  
Brandon Stroud

Dear Santa,  
This Christmas I would skateboard, The Grinch Movie computer boo it  
Thank You  
Ivan Castillo

Dear Santa,  
This Chritmas I would like you to bring me, Barbie and I want the The Grinch  
Rayford

Dear Santa,  
This chrstmas would like you to bring me roll an computer games  
Marcos Escovedo

Dear Santa,  
This Christmas I would like you to bring me a umbrella and a cuttreay buck  
thank you  
Brent Lambain

Dear santa  
This Chistmas I wold like you to give me Bopit, bike, rollarblids The Grinch Move  
Thank You  
Kenan Lewis

Dear Santa,  
I want rollars Christmas? I want a bike boll I want The grinch moves I want computer bopit I want a girl skatebord I want Barbie books T want a basketball books  
Brittany Ovalle

Dear Santa,  
This christmas would you bring me Rollarblades, bibe, ball skateboard, bopit  
Christopher

Mrs. Ball's Class  
Dear Santa,  
Merry Christmas and I want a green bike, and I want a scooter, and some legos. I need a box for the legos are they will spill and I will lost them. I want gold and silver warriors. and dragons, too. And i want a McDonald's to cheer up my mom, brother and sister. I want a bear to keep. How are you doing Santa? Are you having fun at the North Pole? I will leave you a macaroni and cheese snack.  
I love you Santa,  
Jesse

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie doll. I want a Barbie schoolhouse. I want a lego house with people. I want a green bear. I want a toy bunny. I want a red bell. I've been a good girl. I want an apple in my stocking. Thank you Santa.  
Love Miranda

Dear Santa,  
I think that you are nice. Why are you happy all the time. I am happy for you all the time. I would like a doll unitor and a barbie.  
Madison

Dear Santa,  
I want a toy motorcycle and a new bike. I like it to be red. I have been nice and I been doing good work in school. Can your reindeers fly far away? Thank you Santa for presents. I like you Santa. I will leave you a snack of cookies and milk.  
Love,  
Joey

Dear Santa,  
I want a wrestler, littl "pop-a-boppers" and a toy rabbit. a green cover. I love you Santa. Who is the head elf? I want markers for christmas in my stocking  
Love,  
Stephen

Dear Santa,  
I want a little doll for Christmas with a house. I will take a bear that makes noises. Santa I love

you a bunch.  
Makinzie  
Dear Santa,  
I want 3 baby dogs. And Power ranger on a motor-cycle. I bean bag and I spiderman web blaster. Please make my mom happy because I lover her. I like you Santa and I've been good-good!  
Love,  
Gilbert

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike and a tv. I would also like a playstation 2. I have been good today. Thank you Santa for my mom, dad and my brothers.  
I love you Santa,  
Jon Patrick

Dear Santa,  
I want Santa to bring me a Teddy Bear and a Barbie. and I want a toy doggie. I've geen good with my aunt and I love Santa Claus. Bring presents to my little brothers.  
Love,  
Crystal

Dear Santa,  
I want a Web Blaster, a drum, and a toy robot.  
Love,  
Spencer

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie Doll, a stuffed and cards. Thank you for giving me presents. I like you Santa  
Love  
Maria Nieto

Dear Santa,  
I have been good today at home. Santa, my dad has my Christmas list in his pocket. I would like some new shoes and new crayons that my sister broke  
Alexa

Dear Santa,  
The baking thing that I saw on TV You put the chocolate in an it makes a brownie. That Spiderman and the Spiderman house where he sticks on wood. I want new socks. Race car and fire truck shoes. I want a Spiderman shirt. Thank you for buying for me. I hope your sleigh does not break or fly into any houses.  
Love,  
Aaron

Dear Santa,  
I want a robot. I like you. I hope you have a good Christmas. I want a snowman toy. I like you very much. I will leave you my favorite cookies. I want to make you a snowman. Happy New Year!  
Love,  
Antonio

Dear Santa,  
I want a dollhouse. And I want a baby doll. I want a basketball. I want a brown candle. I need a pink umbrella. I been a little good. and I want a teddy bear. I like Christmas! I love Santa

Claus. I will you a snack of cookies and coke.  
Love,  
Tiandrea

Dear Santa,  
I want a Spiderman web, a robot and a power ranger toy. Also a x-Box and games and a box of cars. Merry christmas and take care of yourself!  
Love,  
Isaac

Dear Santa,  
I want a little toy dog. and a babydoll. I want an ear clip. I love you, Santa. How are you feeling Santa? I been good sometimes. I want a little baby bird. I think you are nice.  
Love,  
Brandi

Mrs. Downey's Class  
Dear Santa,  
I want a doll and a boll. a dog a dress a cote a hat and yellow bell  
Love  
Ashley

Dir Santa  
Want a new per of shoes and a per of shekrs and medol rechre slegreg and selarm menglu vamdiodlrsthat wud oe hit the spot and I wunt 100 dorl sun I wunt you mak it snow  
Luv you Santa  
by Brandon

Der Santa  
I want a rol I want sum mitins I want a dall I want a culreng book I want a necklis I want a par uv erengs I want a cot I want a pack uf bloks a pack uf crawns  
Lov  
Reyna

Dir Santue  
I want a truck a spidurman a small baly with yure name in it and a shrt with u and your randiry in it and a bich bol if u fin it crayola  
I luve u santu  
fume Toby

Der Santa,  
I wish two git a giand bik and a remot cor  
Joe Morelion

Dear Santa,  
I want an army guy. I some army guys too.  
Joshua Bihl

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year. I want a bike. I also want a little bear. Are you bringing me alot of pre-sets? My mom wants some angels for Christmas. I love you Santa  
Love,  
Courtney

Dear Santa,  
I wuld like to know if you've been good this year. I want a doll and a night light. For Christmas I want my mom and Dad to be together. My brother wants a firetruck. Hope to see you soon.  
Sarah

Mrs. Burrows Class  
Dear Santa,  
I would like Kingdom hearts PS2 game, a skate-board, Yugi on cards, cars, Hot wheels velocity X, zoids, a X box, med-abots, and close and zoids for christmas santa from  
Donovan

Dear Santa,  
I have been good this year and I want you to bring me lots of candy, game boy with a game, an elivs cassette, chrismas cassette, movies, bacon water  
Your friend,  
Gabriella

Dear Santa,  
I hope I've been a good girl, if I have I want lots of pokemon cards, the new pokemon advance game, pokemon 4, a new bike and give Tena a five foot tent, gabby a teddy bear, Ashly rollerblades and my big dog a BIG bone and my little dog a little bone.  
Love,  
Maranda  
P.S. I am going to give you cookies on christmas eve. Mabey coffe or choco-late milk.

Dear Santa,  
I want you to bring me lots of toys, and pokemon cards, new rollerblades, and a dimond ring, candy, new shoes, and a V.C.R., and new movies and I want the move Lilo and Stitch and Ice Age  
Love,  
Ashley  
P.S. I might leave you some cookies.

Dear Santa,  
I want you to bring me skates, candy, cards and a teddy bear, and lots of games I can play. I want Terrel B, and Flushcards, a stuff monkey, a movie, watern gun, computer, DVD, Pokemon book, clothes, new shoes, Jackit, box of pencils, new bike, sled, drum, guter, playhouse, evens, markers  
Your Friend  
Rebecca

Dear Santa,  
I would like a new book, 3 new folders, 2 new movies, new lab top, glitter, jell pens, a new coat, ant a T-shirt, color paper, 3 new games for laptop.  
Your friend,  
Kristina M. Skiles

Dear Santa,  
this year I want a five foot tent and an Elvis cd boy is he hot. But most of all I want to be with my family and friends.  
Your friend,  
Tena  
P.S. Cheese will be sitting on the table milk to.

Dear Santa,  
I been really good this year and I would like to give you a present to. i bet it is cold up North. it

is cold down hear to. Here are some things I want from you  
Skate shoes, lite up yoe yoe, purple skatebord, bik, two bages of candy, a silver cross neckless, a silver watch, a bouncy ball with a animal in it, pokemon carictors.  
Love, Your friend  
Brittany Barnes

Dear Santa,  
I want you to bring me lost of Pokemon cards, roller blades, game boy, video games, barbie, flash cards, T.V., VCR, unicorn, flute, phone, candy, soccerball, books  
Your friend  
Crystal

Dear Santa,  
I would like Spy gear and Xbox with 50 games, a laptop with a Dvd player, And a bmx bike, skate-board basketball, utility  
Your friend  
Terell

Dear Santa,  
I will like a bike, hamster, rap, 64, spaceship and a train and i hope you have a nice christmas  
Your friend  
Chris Marquez

Dear Santa,  
I would like you to bring me a movie for chrismas called bring it on and dimond ring and lots of candy some flash cards and a tweety bird computer, and a cd called the ketchup and a new shiny bike with a water-bottle holder  
Your friend  
Merced Ramirez


Dear Santa,  
These are the thing I want for christmas. Rollerblades, Xbox, toy cars, motorcycle toy, shirts, pants, video games, gameboy, crayons, computer, markers, T.V. with a vcr, movies, flash-cards, candles, radie with a cd player, cd and that all I want for christmas  
Love your only friend  
Rudy Hernandez

Mrs. Frey's class  
Dear Santa,  
I want a swimming pool. Lisa folder and a horse a swing set black board markers  
Love,  
Jessica phillips

Dear Santa,  
I would love a new bike and I would love to stay with my sister and spe-and time with my momma.  
Love,  
Rona

Dear Santa,  
I want a new toy I want a new bike I want a new dog I want a new robot  
Love,  
Kevin Boyd

Dear Santa,  
I want a pair of skates and a dirt bike.  
Love,  
Chris Spivey



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Mass: 7:00 pm St. Thomas  
Mass: 9:00 pm Sacred Heart

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Dear Santa,  
I've been wanting to write this letter. This is what I want for Christmas: A bike, shoes, scooter, gameboy, Barbie doll, cloths and B2R music and could you pray that I have friends because I don't have any here.

Love,  
Tiffany

Dear Santa,  
May I have a cd player? May I have a dixie chicks tape? May I have a christmas chart? May I have a computer?

Love,  
Andrea

Dear Santa,  
I want some puzzles. I want a stereo. I want the Eagles song. I want to see my momy.

Love,  
Bret

Dear Santa,  
I want a Game Boy and a real cottan candy maker, a ice maker too. I would also like a little kitten and a lil Bowow and Lil Romeo Cd, too. Shoe rolblads

Love,  
Joshua

Dear Santa,  
Can you bring a toy to me? I want a barbie doll and a barbie car and a big barbie house. Can I have skates? Can I have a kite.

Love,  
Ashlii

Dear Santa,  
Can you bring me a toy? Will you bring a barbie car. I want a bike. can i have some skate? Merry Christmas

Love,  
Alena

Dear Santa,  
I want a doll, I want a microphone, a good toy. I want my dad to wrok good.

Love,  
Elysse

Dear Santa,  
I would like a doctor kit, police kit, ambulance kit, fire kit, boots, bike, camera, toy truck, skate, new shoes.

Love,  
Ricky

Dear Santa,  
I want new shose.

Love,  
Alex

Mrs. Mitchell's class  
Dear Santa  
I want to see Rudolph. I want to see santa. I want sum clothes. I want a computer. I want sum bracelet. I want a blanket

Brittany

Dear Santa,  
I want sum clothes I want a go cart Dvd player hav books and in olp rudolph

Love,  
Brandon Solis

Dear Santa,

I hop you can help the poor people and I hope the you have a Merry christmas in I going to spin time with my friend and my family ina min-bilee in you better say oh, oh oh Merry christman  
Jason Guevaro

Dear Santa,  
I wish I had a laptop. I wish for books a hole lot of them. I wish my Grandma to heal. I wish I had thing for poor peole.

Love  
Laken

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing How is mrs. claus and i wood like a wich and some clothes and packup and some go cart and some toys and a biks

Love  
Valarie

Dear Santa,  
A Playstion 2 and lots or lite games and some gams for my playstion and a coar with tires that go fast

Loev Brandon

Dear Santa,  
I want a laptop just for me and a bike and a watch that gos on your arm Gameboy. and a football I will leave you milk and cookies on the table how is Rudolph doing one more thing some new shoes

Carl

Dear Santa,  
I want thes things a laptop with a Dvd player gamboy advance monster truck I hop the pour people hav a home that wat I wish for this Christmas

Love  
Fortune Barrientes

Dear Santa,  
I want Digemon toys and a gameboy. A some skates and a game cube. My sister wants a baby. santa im leaving you some milk

from  
Bubba

Dear Santa,  
I hop you give poor peole prsins to tem I hop you give them shoes and clothes an sum food.

Tyral

Dear Santa,  
I wnt a playstations in a Dvd player a new watch. In a game cube and a bar

Love  
Brett

Dear Santa,  
I will like a laptop and a gam boy and some clothes and a new bike and computer and playstation 2 and how is Rudolph fine I hope Santa i am going to leve out cookies

Love,  
Justin

Dear Santa,  
I want some presents and i want a violin and i love Rudolph and i love you santa, and all the reindeer. merry christmas santa.

Elizabeth

Dear Santa,  
I want a gameboy. I want a comeputer. I want a laptop. I want a dvd player. I want a playstation. I want a gameboy Advance. I want a tetey bear deer.

Form  
Jacob Rangel

Dear Santa,  
I wunt a Laptop. And a Wooden box.

Love,  
Acey

Dear Santa,  
I want peace on Earth. I want a gameboy and a playstation 2 and a game boy color and a game boy Advace and a watch and a bibly.

Love,  
Clarissa

Mrs. Spence's class  
Dear Santa,  
Can I have a Bike and a Pokemon Figure, and a Dog and a Train and two walkie-talkies and a computer and a scooter Nintendo game Cube and a game? I'll leave you some cookies.

Your Friend,  
Aaron Farr

Dear Santa,  
I want a Play Station 2 and a Game Boy Advanced and a computer and a Nintendo and a new car and a new Bike.

Your Friend,  
Juan S

Dear Santa,  
I want a Game boy Advanced, and a remote control truck, and a skateboard, and Pokemon cards.

Your friend,  
Johnny Rangel

Dear Santa,  
I want a Nintendo 64 and a gameboy and a Play Station 2

Your friend,  
Erik

Dear Santa,  
I want a game called grand theft auto vice city and a computer and a walkie-talkie and a game called Spiderman, Game boy Advanced, Nintendo, scooter, roller Blades.

Your friend,  
Matthew Aaron Salgado

Dear Santa,  
I want a Walkie-talkie and I want a computer and a GameBoy Advanced and I want Play Station 2 and I want Draganballz cards and I want a skateboard and i want pokemon cards and I want a scooter.

Your friend,  
Jessica

Dear Santa,  
I want a Computer, Spongebob, Spiderman, Gameboy, Nintendo, Bollerblades, ball, bike and a Scooter.

Love, your best friend,  
Crystal Fierro

Dear Santa,  
I want a computer, and a Game Boy advanced, and a scooter, and a watch and a Play Station two.

Your friend,  
Juan Lara

Dear Santa,  
I want a GameBoy Advance, gameboy color, game cube, sock-em bober, x box, 202 Nintendo game cube, Pokeman cards, bike, a trip to Washington D.C., scooter, and a Playstation 2

Your Friend,  
Tony Lewis

Dear Santa,  
I want walkie-talkies and a game called grand theft auto vise city and all the toys in the store and all the games too and a computer and lots of money.

Thank you, Santa  
Your friend,  
Jamie

Dear Santa,  
I want a Spiderman, and a computer and a Play Station 2, new shoes, and a new roller blades, and a Santa toy, and a scooter and a nintendo and Pokemon cards and 2 walkie-talkies, and a Big Play house and a Spiderman costume.

Your friend,  
Angelina

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie van and a pet rabbit an dress up clothes and a bell and a new computer and a Game boy and most of all I want to see you. Merry Christmas!

Your friend,  
Kara

Dear Santa,  
I want a computer and a Game boy Advanced with a siva Stargame, rollerblades and playstation 2, a mini skateboard from Claires and a new pair of earrings that are 24 karat gold.

Your friend,  
Alexys

Dear Santa,  
I want a blougan, and a Gamecube and a PlayStation 2 and a GameBoy Advanced and Spiderman and a computer and walkie-talkies. I want a spiderman Web blaster and x-box and a finger skateboard and Dragon Ball Z and pokemon cards.

Your friend,  
Miguel

Dear Santa,  
I want walkie talkies a Playstaion 2 I want 2 Spidermen and a computer.

Your friend,  
Tyler

Dear Santa,  
I want a game boy Advances and Skateboard

and Skates and Roller blades - pokemon Cards and computer and Dragon ball Z playstation 2 and Nintendo and scooter and walkie-talkie

Your Friend

Dear Santa,  
I want a hamster and a computer game and a t.v and a vcr and a cd and a sponge Bob and a Lilo and Stich

Your Frind  
Kaegan

Mrs. Thibeault's class  
Dear Santa,  
I wish for a wagon

Love, Brianna

Dear Sahta,  
I wish for a Barbie and a dollhouse.

Love, Tayis

Dear Santa,  
I wish for a Barbie doll and a Barbie house.

Love, Cindy

Dear Santa,  
I wish for a Spider-Man C.D.

Love, Eric

Dear Santa,  
I wish for a big doll to play with.

Love, Caitlyn

Dear Santa,  
I wish for a Rapunzel, a Dorothy, and a stamp.

Love, Justice

Dear Santa,  
I wish for a doll.

Love, Rachel

Dear Santa,  
I wish for a Barbie

Love, Myckala

Dear Santa,  
I wish for a dog.

Love, Dalton

Dear Santa,  
I wish for a pony.

Love, Micheala

Dear Santa,  
I wish for a Thunder guy

Love, Herbert

Dear Santa,  
I wish for a Rapunzel.

Love, Danie

Dear Santa,  
I wish for a paint ball gun.

Love, Ryan

Dear Santa,  
I wish for a robot and a family to play with him.

Love, Austin

Dear Santa,  
I wish for a hat and a SpongeBob

Love, Marc

Dear Santa,  
I wish for a house.

Love, Andrea

Dear Santa,  
I wish for a Thunder guy

Love, Jared

Dear Santa,  
I wish for a bike.

Love, Gabriel

Mrs. Chesworth's class  
Dear Santa,  
Do you have real reindeer? I wish I had a Conga Mega Zord-it shoots out a rhino. Do you have slaves? do you have strings for the reindeer?

Love, Fabian

Dear Santa,  
How are you feeling Santa? And I'm your best friend. I want to know if you see some people that are naughty you can tell them to listen because you're not going to give them presents. Will you give me some presents at Christmas? I want to know if you are doing great or not. Can you bring something for my little sisters?

Love,  
Nicholas

Dear Santa,  
I want a scooter, a bike and a skateboard.

Love,  
Alex

Dear Santa,  
I love you Santa. How are you? Merry Christmas! I wish I had a Barbie set with Barbies. Why do you have reindeers?

Love,  
Anna

Dear Santa,  
I want a barbie. I like a Diva Star, and a barbie car.

Love,  
Adrianna

Dear Santa,  
Can you bring me well, a Buzz light action figure. You are the bestest Santa in the whole wide world. I know its been hard but I don't do the bad things my sister does them at home. I'll tell you what else I want for Christmas. A train and a tractor and a superhero action and a bunny rabbit toy. And can you make it snow? Because if it doesn't snow Christmas won't come.

Love, Jerrian

Dear Santa,  
I love you. How does Rudolph's nose light up? Does the elves help you? You are great and smart. Thank you for doing stuff.

Love, Brooke

Dear Santa,  
I want something for Christmas, a web blaster, a speed racer car, a speedracer shirt and shoes.

Love, Matthew

Dear Santa,  
I want to get you a present. I want a toy. I want a gun.

Love, Robert

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And Staff

Dear Santa,  
I want to know what you're doing at the North Pole. What I want for Christmas is Do you know what a doll is that's Amazing Allie. And Santa, you're my best friend. Santa, I want to know if you know every elf's name? I know the rudolph song.  
Love,  
Alicia

Dear Santa,  
Can my little sister have a little make-up? When its Christmas can I have my alien? Can you be my friend? I love you. I like you. can you bring Luis a rocket power. can my big brother have a remote control car?  
Love, Chris

Dear Santa,  
Will you bring me a baby doll?  
Love,  
Kirsten

Dear Santa,  
I love you Santa, I want some sock'em boxers, barbie talking townhouse, a play car. How do you work? Where is the North Pole?  
Love, Ashley

Dear Santa,  
I love you, Santa. I miss you. Happy Christmas Santa!  
Do you have any rudolph toys I can have? I can't wait for christmas! Do you have flowers to give to my brother? And an Angel? Can I please have a Barbie house? Can I have a little Barbie car?  
Love, Angelica

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike. I wonder how you are doing with your toy? I love you Santa! How's your reindeer doing?  
Love, Eddie

Dear Santa,  
I want a hot wheel robo wheel.  
Love, Edgar

Dear Santa,  
Do you know what I want for Christmas? I want a Xbox and a memory card with it and I want ten games for it. If you can get me two controllers than get me it. If you can get me a dog and a pack of food for him and get him a shirt that says I'm a hound dog, and get me a TV that has video and audio and I want the color blue. Get me a ame cube to. With ten games and two controllers and a RV with it and a memory.  
Your friend, Tory

Dear Santa,  
This is what I want for christmas. A football, a baseball set, a basketball, a vcr, a playstahon 2, some dinos, crockediles, alligtors, a pupy, a bird and snowday. because iv ben good. pluse a bike, a raindeer, a hamster, a monkey for mom, and a tv.  
Your friend,  
Matthew W. Dawson

Dear Santa,  
I wish I had a puppy or

cat or a CD and a CD player. or clothes finis racket and volleyball. or new shoes. and a bird or hamster and a new tv and DVD player. a bike or basket ball. Soccer ball. A Swimming pool or a fish. and a bookset a playstion 2. and a games, puzzels and money a coloring book and crayons and swing set. and a new bed.  
Your friend,  
Sierra

Dear Santa,  
If you would like to get me a rc Edgerunner, Because I like the philips it does. and a puppy because they are playfull.  
From your freind,  
Anthony Salazar

Dear Santa,  
I ben good this year I want two basketbal and one small hamster, and a baby doll with clothes, and two race car and a swimming pool. and a swing st and a books and a bike and a tape player and 3 soccer ball and one kicken set and a bookshelf and a Dvd player and a Cd player and clothes and shoes cds and fishes and a playstion 2 and games and puzzles and money like 80 dollar and crayons and rabbite.  
Your friend,  
Colette

Dear Santa,  
I want a chirsimon chin atciong figer. and a Timmy Turren Toy, to and a robot that can do math. a scooby-doo toy, and Shaggey toy and a robcop toy and a x-boy game. and a Jimmy Nutron toy. game box advance a frel live lizerd. I want one ove your raindeer and a batman toy. and a game cube.  
Your friend,  
Shane E Howell

Dear Santa,  
I want a book to read. I want a Christmas tree so much. On christmas I want cars. and a brush for Christmas. I want a bike and some clothes for Christmas. And a computer.  
Your friend, Desirae

Dear Santa,  
I wish you'd bring me a brat doll known by the name of Niki. I also want a computer so that I could play games and e-mail my grandma Joyce. I want a Barbie as Repunzel doll. I think I want a game. It can be any game. I want a telescope, a microscope, and a Santa hat the one that has white and red. I want a cat that feels real but is not real. I want a doll house a some dolls to go with it. I want a Zip and Zoom Shannen.  
I want a barbie train with recordable announcements. I want a doll car. Most of all I want the brat.  
Your friend,  
Tiara Runels

Dear Santa,  
I want a Dvd player and playstation. computer to play, a bird, Cd player, a movie case two book shelves.

Your friend,  
Stephanie Michelle Harvell

Dear Santa,  
I want a game boy and a seedee player and I want some book's and I want a tent. I want a dog. I want a xbox and I want a sleay. and I want a computere and I want a red eap.  
Your friend,  
Adam

Dear Santa,  
I want a Prechis Moemits and I wold like what you'd give me. I'd like clouses too.  
Your friend,  
Nina

Dear Santa,  
I wish that I had a dog and toys and a hamster and close and a morder-skuter and a turtle and a pastoeshun and a bike and a dirtbick and a mackinchal car and a goldfish.  
Your friend,  
Elias

Dear Santa,  
I want a blue electric guitar for Christmas, but I bet my dad might want a nice clean compute' so me and my brother wood have one to. I'am very good so I could get my guitar. I love christmas it brings families together.  
Love,  
T.J. Little

Dear Santa,  
I want Black Bike and I want Dragon Ball Z cards. I want some times flash cards. I would be nice to get some new cras.  
Your friend,  
Rudy

Dear Santa,  
I want some games x box some New TV some shoes some clothes some parts for my bike in cross plains a hat some skates and a mortar some pants and a watch.  
Love,  
Chris Clark

Mrs. Faulkner's class  
Dear Santa,  
How is mrs. claus. How are the raindeer. Well, me and Jeremy have been good. I make good grades and Jeremy helps around the house. We... this wi what me and Jeremy wants. Jeremy want a remote control Jeep. He wants some cars too and he wants Play do. I want a Harry Potter movie and a game boy olvance with a Harry Potter game and if you want to just get me anything of Harry Potter. and thake you for being santa.  
Thake you  
Kerry Moore  
P.S. I love you

Dear Santa,  
I want a xbox and game cube and a dog i want a bike to and a scuter and I want a little ber  
From,  
Jim

Dear Santa,  
I want a cellphone and a new car for my Mom and new stuff for my Stepdad and new stuff for my sister to and new stuff for

my family.  
Love,  
Carina

Dear Santa,  
I wish you a Merry Christmas. Santa I go to Washington Elem. can I have a special toy please.  
I love you Santa.  
Your Friend,  
Krista  
P.S. tell Mrs. Claus helo please.

Dear Santa,  
I want a ring and a hrose and a dollhouse and skates a skooter and a bike a sal phone and shoes and a pool for me and my brother this is what I want for christmas.  
I'm in 3 grad class my teacher is Mrs. Faulkner and she is nice. My school is Washington Elem.  
Your Friend,  
Angela Boyd.

Dear Santa,  
I want a computer and a dog and a cat and a bike and I want some contax that you don't need for glasses and a goldfish. Washington Elem, 3rd grad.  
Your Friend,  
Michelle Granado

Dear Santa,  
I want for christmas is some spongeBob stuff for my room and a electronics, skatebourd and a cotton candymaker  
Your friend,  
Travis Dedrick

Dear Santa,  
I want a nintendo game cube and a x box and a game boy advance and a happy christmas. ok by  
Your friend,  
Josh

Dear Santa,  
I'm in the 3rd grade. What are you going to get me. I go to Washington School I am in Mrs. Faulkner's classroom. do you know Mr. Wagner. I can't wait intill Christmas comes.  
Sincerly  
Jonathon

Dear Santa,  
My mane is Tadianna. My school name is Washington Elem. What i want for Christmas is a diary with a lock and a new bike, and a robe and a game boy with mario bothers.  
Love,  
Tadianna

Dear Santa,  
I want one of those makeup I am in third grade all of my class made are friends to me and other kids My favorite is christmass eve and favorite cartoon is Spngebob Sqaurepants And I want a lot of Spongebob stuff in my room and a computer and for the computer I want it be Spongebob Square pants and a fish and a little christmass tree. hope you git my letter and please put it on the new-paper.  
Your friend,  
Jessica

Dear Santa, I need a X

Box for christmas and Spirow 2 Enter the Gragin fly and how is your raindeer are they ok. Im in the third grad now but you aredy no that and I need a new cd player whith head fones and a small cd player whith big head fones whell I think that is all for now.  
Your friend,  
John

Dear Santa,  
I want a nail set and a dog for my brother we have been good this year. I'm in the 3rd grad at Washington Elem. say hi. to Mrs. Claus and say hi to Roordolf.  
Your Friend,  
Audree

Dear Santa,  
My name is Michael Anchondo and I am nine years old I go to washing-to elementer. I want a cd player a bike a X box and sum cdes and head phones to go with the cd player and cdes.  
Your friened  
Michael Anchondo

Dear Santa,  
I whant a x box for christmas from santa because you are a nice giy I am in 3rd grade I go to washington elementry shoole.  
Your friend  
Jeremy

Mrs. Collins' class  
Dear Santa,  
I been good and me and my family to. I want a dog for christmas please  
Thank you  
Love,  
Mikey

Dear Santa,  
How are you and the reindeers and Rudolph. I want a bike please.  
Love,  
Chris

Dear Santa,  
I been good for my mom and my Dad and I want a barbie doll and a watch please and a puppy please.  
Love,  
Kiara

Dear Santa,  
I been good I want a Game Boy Advanc pleasee. Thank you  
Love,  
Aric

Dear Santa,  
How are you doing? Is Rudolph doing good and the rest of the raindeer? For chirstmas I want some clothes and a dog please. Can you bring it?  
Thank you  
Love,  
Marissa

Dear Santa,  
How is Rudolph and the rest of the raindeer? You doing good? Dear Santa, I love you. Dear Santa, I would like a puppy please.  
Love,  
Destiny

Dear Santa,  
I been good. me and Sarah want baby toys and baby dolls. how is rudolph  
Love,

RaLee  
Dear Santa,  
I been good. I did not pout or cry. Can i have skates please? Thank you  
Love,  
Kiowa

Dear Santa,  
how is rudolph? Is He well? can I have a puppy please thank you  
Love,  
Brandon

Dear Santa,  
I been good. I want a watch please I want a puppy please I want a bike please I want a Game please  
Love,  
Sandy

Dear Santa,  
I been good Santa and I want a bike happy Christmas.  
Love,  
Timmy

Dear santa,  
How is your Rudolph? I want a bike please thank you  
Love,  
Clarissa

Dear Santa,  
I love you, I been good I want a trampoline for christmas. How are the raindeer and the elves doing and i want a tedy ber and a mommys little patient and a antzone.  
Love,  
Halie

Dear santa,  
How is Rudolph? Is he doing okay? Love Tavaris P.S. I would bike and a play car and a new watch Merry christmas!

Dear Santa,  
Can i have a baby doll and a flag and a cat and a pide pclo  
Love,  
Kaegan

Dear Santa,  
I want a car  
Shihiem

Dear santa,  
ha wis yor rendsd rita so wha wis yorels do we i hp that yor fin.  
Lindsey

Dear Santa,  
How are your rades. I wot a Bune  
Love,  
Desiree

Dear Santa,  
I want a jep looks for christmas  
Love,  
Alexandra

Dear Santa,  
I want a jep that looks like a car and a barbie and a rill camra and a rill oven to  
Love  
Jourdan

Dear Santa,  
I want a toy dinisou and a toy car and a gam  
Luve,  
Roy

Dear Santa,  
i want a pa wrangr me to  
Love,  
Tyler

Hope the season delivers much good cheer and many good times. With sincere thanks to all who have visited us this year. Your kind friendship makes it all worthwhile. Noel  
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Be sympathetic  
Love as Brothers  
Be compassionate & humble  
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Dear Santa,  
I would like a rocket ship, a telescope and a tractor. I also want Power Rangers and Bob the Builder things. I am going to get presents at the store and put them under the tree after I wrap them up. After Christmas in June it is going to be my birthday. It is June 3rd. My turtles name is Tommy he starts with the letter "T". Brandon broke a ball that was hanging on my tree.  
Marc Buchanan

Dear Santa,  
I'm sorry to bother you but what I want for Christmas is a Spiderman motorcycle and Spiderman. I also want a dog. I want to get my baby sister a baby. And my baby brother get him a Spiderman motorcycle and Spiderman but no dog. Get my mom some clothes and get my dad clothes too. Get my Grandma some clothes. Get me like a Spiderman shirt. I need a belt please. Get my baby brother some clothes and socks. I want a Spiderman movie.  
Christopher Velasco

Dear Santa,  
I want a Hit clip and a glow in the dark basketball. I also want a Barbie motorcycle and a bike with a backpack. I want a walkie-talkie. I am going to leave you come cookie and milk because you travel all over the world. I want a bouncy ball and a jump rope. And a hula hoop.  
Cassidy Carroll

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie Rapunzel doll and a Teddy bear. I want a picture of you, Santa, I also want a pink necklace with Santas all around it, blocks, and a puzzle. My mom wants a dresser. My sister wants a Barbie Rapunzel doll. Do you have real animals at the North Pole because I want a kitty and a dog. My Grandma wants a fish. My Grandpa wants a new hammer. I want a yellow necklace for my sister with Santas around it.  
Your friend,  
Annisca.Cano

Dear Santa,  
I want Pokemon Cards and a little Megazord. I also want a Pokemon CD player and a gold necklace. I have a mom, dad and sister who love each other very much. I want a reindeer because I don't have any pets. I don't want it to have horns. I want some new glue because mine has run out. Please make it blue. I want a tent and a kite.  
Your friend,  
Ethan Rocha

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Playstation 2 with lots of games. Bring my mom a flip phone. I want a movie, Lilo and Stitch and a gameboy game, Crystal. I also want a radio with 2 CDs, Pokemon and Aaron Carter. I want my dad to get a gun. I want Pokemon cards. Santa Claus, I have been good. I want a lava lamp. I want my brother to get crash.

How is it like up in the North Pole?  
Your friend,  
Jan Heiden

Dear Santa,  
I want a bike and a horn for my bike. I want tires and handles on my bike. My alster wants a bike with tires, handles and brakes on it. My big brother wants a bike with handles, brakes and a horn on it. I been listening to my mom. I listen to my father.  
Your friend,  
Ivan Resendez

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a little motorcycle that is real and a fire motorcycle. Give me a real airplane, a toy airplane, and a remote control firetruck. My two brother wants a toy motorcycle. Give my mom a tiggie, a real one. Give me a real piglet and a Pooh Bear. I want a real teddy bear and a real gameboy. I want a toy doggie.  
Your friend,  
Micheal Zambrano

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie Jeep and a paint set. I also want a little jar to hold my pencils and a little tea set. I want a little table. I want to bring my mom a little vase with flowers in it. I want to bring my Grandma a fake frog that talks. I want to give you a little Christmas necklace. I want a chart for my teeth. My little sisters wants a bike. I want to give Lacey a CD of N'Sync.  
Your friend,  
Darice Chavarria

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Barbie Sand House and three Barbies. I want two more Barbies and doll with braided hair. I have three brothers and they want something for Christmas too. My baby brother wants a gun, a Spiderman and a motorcycle. My big brother wants a necklace with a motorcycle on it. My mom wants a dog and my dad wants a little pit bull.  
Your friend,  
Maya Chavez

Dear Santa,  
May I have Pokemon Cards? I want Harry Potter cards and Dragon Ball Z cards. I also want football cards. That is all I want.  
Your friend,  
Tyler Nairn

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Barbie Train Set and a Barbie Doll. I want a Cinderella II book and a toy cat. I want to buy my mom a cross and some flowers for my mom and dad. I want you to bring my brother a Christmas train set up. I want two baby horses and one mama horse. I want them to be real. I want new clothes.  
Your friend,  
Beth Salazar

Dear Santa,  
Santa I want a present, a candy can and toys. I want a bag.  
Your friend,  
Austin Jobe

Dear Santa,  
I love you. I want a stereo. I want a dress, candy, a ring, a necklace and a bow. I also want glasses and a bear. I want a belt and that's all.  
Your friend,  
Destiny Carbajal

Dear Santa,  
I want Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer Christmas. He likes to play with me and I like to ride him. I want to show my mom. I love Santa so he can buy me a reindeer. I would like a bear and I would like a toy and a dollie. Santa loves me. I would like a bunny rabbit for Christmas.  
Your friend,  
Stormie Grigg

Mrs. Maberry's Class  
Dear Santa,  
I want for Christmas is a bike and a lot of airplanes and a big bike for my mom and my dad. And I want another bike for kids. I want a scooter for me only if it will start up. I can't wait for Christmas for real.  
Patrick

Dear Santa,  
I want one of those things that makes snowflakes in the water and it has a snowman in it. I want a barbie house just for girls and barbies. I want a fish. I want a T.V. and a V.C.R. How are you Santa? I just want something else too, a truck, just like a little fake truck. I want a puppy. Merry Christmas  
Emily

Dear Santa,  
I want a barbie radio, a barbie leopard. Merry Christmas and I am going to leave you a snack on the table.  
Marissa

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a bike and a Pokemon Movie. I also want a remote control car. Please get my toys from Wal-Mart. I want a hamster for Christmas from the pet store. I'm going to leave you a snack and a drink. I want a scorpion from the pet store.  
Love,  
Timothy

Dear Santa,  
Please could you bring me a Barbie castle and a Star baby. I want a Barbie Blanky and a Teddy Bear. I want a new crayon box and a new pencil box like my one at school. Buy me some presents and a Barbie necklace. I like my mom, Mary and my real Dad. I like my coat I want a Barbie shirt and a Barbie nightgown.  
Love  
Sarah

Dear Santa,  
I want a fake Teddy bear and a fake gun. I also want a remote control dump truck and a fake lunch box. I have been good. I have been listening to my Mommy and Daddy. I want a Scooby-do clock and a Spiderman suit. I want a bad guy suit and an army set. I love my mommy and daddy and Santa.  
Love.



Jamin  
Dear Santa,  
I want some candy canes, Barbies, T-shirts and pants. I also want some blue, red and green shoes, pencils and notebooks. I have four sisters and one brother. I want a cutter box. I will give you cookies and milk.  
Love,  
Gabby

Dear Santa,  
I want a Star baby and a Rapunzel doll that is my size. I also want a little computer that when you push the button it opens and I want a head that is a patient that I can make teeth and cavities out of playdoh. I also want new shoes and clothes. I have been good.  
Love,  
Marisol

Dear Santa,  
Would you please bring me a My-size Rapunzel Barbie and an Easy Bake Oven. I also want Goldfish cards and ABC magnets. I been a good girl to my sisters. I love my baby sister and my 2 year old sister. My sister wants a doll and a rattle.  
Love,  
Brandy

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a Gameboy with lots of games and a Spider thingy that shoots webs. I also want Pokemon and Digimon cards. I have been a good brother. One of my sisters like Teddy Bears. My brother likes a blue Ranger. I like a red Ranger.  
Love,  
Joseph

Dear Santa,  
I want an action figure Batman and a Spiderman web. I also want a little red car and a blue truck. I want a big little toy. I want the one that shows on TV the airplane in a box and you hold it in you hand and it flies. I didn't see you last Christmas because I was asleep. I

love you and hope to see you next Christmas.  
Love,  
Micheal

Dear Santa,  
Bring me a Spiderman and Green Goblin. I also want a Gameboy, a Batman and Joker. I want a Teddy Bear and a pet gold fish. Please bring my brother and sister a present. I wish you a Merry Christmas.  
Love,  
Kattlin

Dear Santa,  
I miss you. I want you to bring me a Batman and Joker I also want a Spiderman and Green Goblin. I love you. I have been good. I am going to leave you milk and cookies.  
Love,  
Devan  
PS I want a Web Blaster

Dear Santa,  
I want you to bring me a toy stocking and a snowman thingy that you can shake. I want brand new shoes and crayons. I also want a brand new watch and a box to put my crayons in. Me and my mom are going shipping with my brother, David. I like you Santa Claus.  
Love,  
Opstryn

Dear Santa,  
I want a Star baby and Teddy bear. I also want Vegetable Kitchen stuff with a store like I saw at Walmart. It has plates, spoons and a light thing that needs batteries. The candles shines when the batteries are in. I want a stocking and a clock that rings. I want a necklace with lights, bulb and a Christmas tree with a star. I want a bear.  
Love,  
Cristin

Dear Santa,  
I want a bed. I want a Zoid, the ones that have red coats on them. I want a scooter and a video game. I want a room with a lamp and a fireplace so

Santa Can come down it, and I want a ring for my mom.  
Love,  
Collin

Kentwood Elementary  
Mrs. Adams Class  
Dear Santa,  
I been really good! Please bring me: a trampoline, a heave coat, an electric scooter and a play rifle.  
Your friend,  
Nathan Land

Dear Santa,  
I've been reall good! Plese bring me a rifle and hunting suit and hunting boots and a deer rifle and hunting hot hand.  
Your friend,  
Josh Truelove

Dear Santa,  
I've been really good! Please bring me a Barbie-Rapunzel, a horse a scobie-doo the looks like you and a Cd player  
Your friend,  
Kaylynn Heutze

Dear Santa,  
I've been really good! Please bring me: a Superman suit, clothes, a Cue Game and a bike.  
Your friend,  
Brian Blount

Dear Santa,  
I've been really good! Please bring me a game cue and niteo game a mickroll pet a lizu moove and a cage and a brbey bus blue  
Your friend,  
chanlee Oveton

Dear Santa,  
I've been really good! Please bring me a ramp, snowball, a trampoline and Mr. Heapads  
Your friend,  
Matt Beall

Dear Santa,  
I've been really good! Please bring me a trampoline, sleeping bag, cd udry and a snowcone maker.  
Your friend,  
Amie Lopez

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Dear Santa,  
I've been really good!  
Please bring me a ramp,  
snowboard, trampoline,  
Gameboy Advance  
Your friend,  
Ty Lawrence

Dear Santa,  
I've been really good!  
Please bring me a ort  
birck, ramp, trampoline,  
Game cue  
Your friend,  
Dustin Fraley

Dear Santa,  
I've been really good!  
Please bring me a Barbie-  
Rapunzel, a horse, scobie-  
doo that looks like you  
and a CD player  
Your friend,  
Shiloh Creswell

Dear Santa,  
I've been really good!  
Please bring me clothes,  
hugs, love, and you.  
Your friend,  
Brianna Kight

Dear Santa,  
I've been really good!  
Please bring me a  
Spiderman Web Blaster  
and a Game cue, x box  
Your friend,  
Chris Arrietta

Dear Santa,  
I've been really good!  
Please bring me a doll,  
trampoline, Priss and ice  
Age the movey.  
Your friend,  
Brittany Gonzales

Dear Santa,  
I've been really good!  
Please bring me a Mr.  
Deeds, trampoline, x box,  
electric scooter.  
Your friend,  
Tony Solis

Dear Santa,  
I've been really good!  
Please bring me Spirit at  
Walmart, Barbie  
Rapunzel, toys, horse and  
Barbie  
Your friend,  
Brittany Bakley

Dear Santa,  
I've been really good!  
Please bring me a snow-  
board, trampoline, Game  
Cue and a scooter.  
Your friend,  
Taylor Heckler

Dear Santa,  
I've been really good!  
Please bring me clothes,  
bychele boots, money  
and pants.  
Your friend,  
Kristina Tubera

Dear Santa,  
I've been really good!  
Please bring me a Bardie  
Rapunzel, non charm, per  
dog towe, Prs Barbie  
Your friend,  
Alysha Swinney

Dear Santa,  
I've been really good!  
Please bring me a  
Ropunzz wagon, finger-  
paint set, Spirit The  
Movie, a bunny, a bath  
kit.  
Your friend,  
Tamala Wilson

Mrs. Hendrickson's  
class  
Dear Santa,  
I want motorskooter,  
and a Blaystation Two  
and Spidw Man Action  
Fgorn my Mom I wanting  
with diamonds.



Love,  
Evan

Dear Santa,  
Can I have Something  
like a picture of you and  
your reindeer and elves,  
but I a another pogostick  
for my sister and a video  
about christmas and 2  
scooters one that runs  
into a skateboard and a  
regular one and can I  
have a Gameboy?  
Your Friend,  
Alex

Dear Santa,  
send me a typewriter for  
Christmas. I've been so  
good this year my mom  
told me that. I've been  
begging her to buy me  
one but she said why  
don't you ask Santa for a  
typewriter, so I'm going  
to put it on my list.  
Love,  
Hannah

Dear Santa,

I want a motor scooter. I  
want more Rescue  
Rangers. I want you to  
make it snow. I want a  
Dvd player. I want a  
remote control car from  
Radio shack.  
from,  
Wesley

Dear Santa,  
I wish for a playstation  
two, and a game for it too.  
Love,  
Nick. E.

Dear Santa,  
I would like a stuffed  
animal, a book, a basket-  
ball, a basketball Barbie,  
and a watch. Will you  
give my Nana a rolling  
pen, because she lost  
hers. Let the poor chil-  
dren have a Merry  
Christmas.  
Love,  
Chelsey Parker

Dear Santa,  
I want a Rocket Power

Play Station 2 and a  
spongeBob square Pant  
Station 2 I would like a  
Tarzan smae toys, a little  
goat and a litt pony too. i  
want a telescope.  
Love,  
Mackenzie

Dear Santa,  
I would want you to  
send me a bracelet for my  
mom, a fake nail salon, a  
Barbie, a Barbie house, a  
DVD player and a  
Repunzel movie. I also  
would like you to send me  
a bike with no training  
weels, and a toy Jeep.  
Love,  
Breanna

Dear Santa,  
I want a drum set for  
Christmas. I want new  
socks for Christmas. I  
want a Star Wars purple  
light saber for Christmas.  
I want a Texas Tech foot-  
ball suite for Christmas. I  
want a Gamebov.Advance

for Christmas.  
Love,  
Tyler Graves

Dear Santa,  
I want a Tikeo R.C. Dirt  
Bike. And a remote con-  
trol go cart. And I want  
one of the smallest roller  
costers ever. There is a  
little more thigs i want to  
get. I want the He Man  
Gray Skull Castel. Thank  
you Santa.  
Love,  
Trent

Dear Santa,  
I want an electric  
guitar and no money like  
last time. I would like  
Harry potter sopa but  
bring gun and leave two  
sleigh bells. i want a mot-  
ter scooter and some  
Harry potter stuff.  
Your friend,  
Tristen

Dear Santa,  
I want a metal detector

and a Spider Man web  
slinger. An air blade  
game for Play Station. A  
Star wars episode! and a  
Play station 2, and a light  
saber.  
Love,  
Brady

Dear Santa,  
I want another huge  
stuffed animal can it be a  
giraffe? I want a gameboy  
advance, not a disk on the  
computer. I want a jewel-  
ry box, a big one, and I  
want a ballerena wallet, a  
big one.  
Love,  
Haley nicole Dimidjian

Dear Santa,  
I would like that the  
new baby is allright. And  
I would like a Motor  
Skooter Samantha  
Love,  
Shea

Dear Santa,  
I need a new pen and a  
Brbie and a makeup kit, a  
doll house. I need a new  
bracelet, another tiger, A  
stuffed dog, and cat. My  
mom needs a new make-  
up kit. My bab needs  
some new socks. My  
brother needs a Web  
Shooter. Cody a new  
Lucky tee shirt. My big  
brother wants a tv. My  
big sister a diamond ring  
and earrings and a neck-  
lace to go with it too.  
Lov  
Morgan Mitchem

Dear Santa,  
What I want for  
Christmas is more game-  
boy games. I really want  
Ms. PacMan, My cousin  
has it and I like it, and I  
want Paint things, like  
some more paint and  
some art things. I also  
want some pretty clothes.  
I also want some beanie  
babies, a lot.  
Love, Bethany

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I want a  
Barbie laking town house,  
the most. I want some 2nd  
Grade chapter books too.  
A CheerLeader Barbie,  
and some docter play  
stuff. I want a Santa hat,  
and I will leave out cook-  
ies for you Santa.  
Thank you  
Natasha

Dear Santa,  
I want to give Tyler  
Hester a play staion two. I  
want a Dell taptop and a  
candy in my stocking,  
and I want to get my mom  
a set thats you thank  
thats best. Santa. And  
what you thank that  
David would like it does-  
n't matter.  
Love,  
Dylan

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas, I want  
some clothes, and a Babie  
and a diary. A big pencil,  
and a furby, and dog a  
gameboy and a princess  
crown, and a horse, and a  
Hello Kitty watch, and a  
game of Monopoly.  
Love,  
Abbygale Michelle  
Staley

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Big Spring



Dear Santa,  
May I have a VCR and a Game Boy with one game  
May I have a rolling chair and for my brother will you bring him a big Power Ranger for my Mom a necklace and for my DAD some tools  
Love,  
Meagan

Dear Santa,  
I want this for my Dad a pair of underwears, a Big Barbie for my cousin Cory and a new job for my mom For all of my cousins a gameboy I want Everything for my family and a little money too. give me some to please.  
Love,  
Chelsea

Lakeview Headstart  
Room 110  
Dear Santa,  
We are the children from room 110 at lakeview Head Start. Here is the list of what we want for Christmas.  
Mary-Barbie car, teddy bear  
Charlie-Big teddy bear, truck, police car  
Tamiree-Remote control car, silver chain necklace  
Bailee-Play dough, doll house, bell  
Gage-Skateboard, remote control race car, bike  
Tristan-Barbie, baby doll, Barbie sweater  
Maria-Purse, doll, bike, ring  
Leon-Remote control car, bike  
Samantha-Barbie car, Ballarina Barbie,

Christmas stocking  
Angelina-Wizard of Oz Dorothy and witch Zoie-Princess dress with crown and shoes & ring  
Andrew-Spiderman shoes, Spiderman backpack, green goblin  
Destiny-Phone, Barbie, Barbie shoes  
Thomas-Bike, scooter, little cars  
Wade-Men In Black clothes, Spiderman backpack & boots, green goblin  
Manuel-Bike, remote control car  
Nancy-Barbie, doll, jewelry  
Breanna-Barbie, doll  
Quorcindra-Doll, Barbie Antavius-Remote control car, silver chain necklace, flash card numbers

Room 109  
Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would like a Toy motorcycle, Star War movie and chalkboard game.  
From,  
Damaiso Gomez

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas, I would like a train set, A Blue power Ranger, and a Blue power Ranger Lascergun.  
From,  
George Viera

Dear Santa,  
Please bring a Barbie Jeep, Barbie game, and Barbie dishes for Christmas.  
From,  
Rayla Waight

Dear Santa,  
Please send me a Barbie, Barbie dishes and a white Teddy Bear for Christmas.  
From,  
Destinee Fowler

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas would you please send me a Shiny Star Barbie, Barbie game and a Barbie movie.  
From,  
Rosemary Yanez

Dear Santa,  
Please send a Barbie, Barbie makeup and a train set, for Christmas.  
From,  
Marisol Savell

Dear Santa,  
This is what I would like for Christmas a Blue Power Ranger Sword, Bob the Builder toy, and a Blue Power Ranger suit.  
From,  
Domingo Cantu

Dear Santa,  
Please bring a boxing match set, wooden building blocks, a train set, and two bones for my two dogs.  
From,  
Thomas Cruz

Dear Santa,  
I would like for Christmas, a computer, a pink Barbie radio, a pink Barbie.  
From,  
Raelynne Garcia

Dear Santa,  
Would you please send

me a Barbie car, Barbie movie and a Barbie motorcycle.  
From,  
Jessica Bermea

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas, I would like a go cart, a Blue truck, Blue teddy bear and a tool set.  
From,  
Billy McIntosh

Dear Santa,  
Would you please send me a Rod truck, a dargon toy, and a purple teddy bear.  
From,  
Travis Threats

Dear Santa,  
This is what I want for Christmas, A Barbie, Barbie movie, and a Barbie game.  
From,  
Heavenly Edmondson

Dear Santa,  
I would like for Christmas a red power Ranger Sword, a Red power Ranger Lasergun.  
From,  
Dylan Dugger

Dear Santa,  
Please send me a Barbie makeup, Barbie Jeep and Lilo & Stich movie for Christmas.  
From,  
Lexus Valencia

Dear Santa,  
I would like to get a purple Power Ranger belt, purple Power Ranger Sword and a Bob the Builder for Christmas.  
From,

Kevin Baker  
Dear Santa,  
For christmas I want a Red Power Ranger Sword, Red Power Ranger Belt and a Red Power Ranger suit with mask.  
From  
Christian Lugo

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Barbie Jeep, Barbie dishes, and a Barbie movie.  
From  
Elida Hingosa

Dear Santa,  
Santa der r prete. I wt a mwhen kr.  
(Santa's deer are pretty. I want a machine car.)  
Love,  
Andrew

Dear Santa,  
I wt a crishm tre and mortsiel and a trampolen  
(I want a Christmas tree and motorcycle and a trampoline.)  
Love,  
David

Dear Sants,  
I wt a cr and pla solo.  
(I want a car and play motorcycle.)  
Love,  
Joseph

Dear santa,  
I wt a danseg brbe and a brbe cmputr and a cr vat tox.  
(I want a dancing Barbie and a Barbie computer. and a car that talks.)  
Love,  
Ashley

Dear Santa,  
I wat los uv bux I kan red and los uv cras. I wat a gambl andvants.  
(I want lots of books I can read and lots of gameboy advanced.)  
Love,  
Karla

Dear Santa,  
I wt a cr ad a woch ad a bik.  
(I want a car and a watch and a bike.)  
Love,  
Marcus

Dear Santa,  
I wot Rupunzl and keg and baby and hors and brby my siz and a Rupnzl bkpk  
(I want Rapunzel and king and baby and horse and Barbie my size and a Rapunzel backpack.)  
Love,  
Shaylee

Dear Santa,  
I wt a pnluie brbe and a cr I can rid n  
(I want a Penelope Barbie and a car I can ride in.)  
Love,  
Adrianna

Dear Santa,  
I yot a pla hors and a fish.  
(I want a play horse and a fish.)  
Love,  
Raquel

Dear Santa,  
I wt a pla motrciel and mi abed  
(I want a play motorcy-

cle and my ABCs.)  
Love,  
Tray  
Dear Santa,  
I wo my siz Rpunzl brbe ad a hors  
(I want my size Rapunzel Barbie and a horse.)  
Love,  
Rikki

Dear Santa,  
I wot a big Rapzl dol my siz and the maj cichin and blow eufet mrcrs. I wot the broe hootl with that crd and an advanx gaboy and a hmst.  
(I want a big Rapunzel doll my size and the magic kitchen and blow effect markers. I want the Barbie hotel with that card and an Advanced Gameboy and a hamster.)  
Luv,  
Deanna

Dear Santa,  
I wt brbe rpnzl ad a hamstr and a cat and a fak mom and baby hors and a vbeo gam and baby.  
(I want Barbie Rapunzel and a hamster and a cat and a fake mom and baby horse and a video game and baby.)  
Love,  
Hannah

Dear Santa,  
I want an elephant, some clothes, and a zebra toy. Hi!  
Your friend,  
Vicki

Dear Santa,  
I want some clothes, a CD players and a Buzz Lightyear action figure that shoots little bullets. I love you.  
Your friend,  
Oscar

Dear Santa,  
I want a baby doll car and a fake baby doll, stockings for nighttime and a stuffed bunny rabbit with a dress to fit it. I believe in Santa!  
Your friend,  
Billie

Dear Santa,  
I want a stuffed Power Ranger. I wan a stuffed lion. I love you.  
Your friend,  
Karossa

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie, a doll and a Barbie jeep. I trust you.  
Your friend,  
Brenda

Dear Santa,  
I want a scooter, blocks and toy cars.  
Your friend,  
Bailey

Dear Santa,  
I want a truck and I want a skateboard. I love you.  
Your friend,  
Nicholas

Dear Santa,  
I want a Monster Truck, a reindeer toy, and a toy car.  
Your friend,  
Ismael

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I want a Barbie scooter and a Barbie doll and a pumpkin for Christmas. I love you very much.  
Your friend,  
Nicole

Dear Santa,  
I want a color book, crayons, a rainbow pillow, a zebra, a new backpack and thank you.  
Your friend,  
Billie

Dear Santa,  
I want clothes, I want my own zebra. I want a Brittney Spears Barbie.  
Hi!  
Your friend,  
Brianna

Dear Santa,  
I want a teddy bear. I want a Barbie phone, clothes and a zebra toy.  
Hi!  
Your friend,  
Monica

Dear Santa,  
I want a Play Station, a bear and a Spiderman toy. I love you.  
Your friend,  
Sammy

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie Car and a Barbie motorcycle and a barbie and baby dolls. I want some wigs. I believe in you.  
Your friend,  
Jasmine

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie camcorder, the E-Z Bake Oven, some clothes, a Barbie, the Barbie Game and that's it. Thank you.  
Your friend  
Brittnee

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbie camera and a pop-up book about Rudolph. I want new crayons and a coloring book and a Cookie Monster Cookie Eater and a Cookie Monster chair. Do you have a real Rudolph?  
Your friend,  
Briana

Dear Santa,  
I want a Tycor C dirt bike. I want a skateboard. What are you doing?  
Your friend,  
Eric

Ms. Neitzel's class  
Dear Santa,  
I would like a kareoci machine, and a care bear. I have ben trying to be a very good kid.  
Kristen

Dear Santa,  
I want a dog and a cat. I want a toy. I want a toy fox  
Izai

Dear Santa,  
I want rolskas I want a dollhols I em good Santa I Love Santa, I lik you Santa I lik your radirs  
Alexus

Dear Santa,  
I want a game and a dog and a cat. I've bin good  
Love,  
Jared

Dear Santa,  
I want a Bairbae House and I want a doll from Santa. I want a cat and a dog to that's all I want.  
Love,  
Sadie

Dear Santa,  
I want a skateboard I want a dog and skates and I want a basketball  
Bryan

Dear Santa,  
I want a barbie and a snowcone machine I will put our cookies and milk.  
Love,  
Berenice

Dear Santa,  
I want to no how are you Santa? I want a Breat doll and a careBeres. Ho Ho Ho How is Misses Clos?  
Love,  
Katie

Dear Santa,  
Ive ben good I wish I had lots of army dolls I'll give you some mik and cookies. Hows the rain-deers? Would you give me a dirt bike  
Love,  
Nickolas

Dear Santa,  
I want a Skateboard and a bike. I want a pool to swim in. I love you.  
Love,  
Lucas

Dear Santa,  
I want a dog, a cat, a bike and a snowcone machine. I like all that stuff.  
Love,  
Haegan

Dear Santa,  
I been good. I want a chajformr and a remote car and a jet.  
Love,  
Jesse Franco

Dear Santa,  
I want a Barby doll and a house for it. I want a my size Rupunel doll, a regular doll and a stuffed bear.  
Love  
Kayla

Dear Santa,  
I want a pupe. How are you Santa? I wil lev you sum cookies. I Love you Santa.  
Aron

Dear Santa,  
I want for kismisa playstation 2. How are you? Where is Miss clos and your radirdeer?  
Love,  
Tristan

Dear Santa,  
I want a pesit. Dir Santa klos how are you? I want a toy cat. I want a toy dog. I want a toy house. I like Santa.  
Shawna

Dear Santa,  
I like you becuz I like prezts and my famle. I wish for a bike. Dear Santa, I been good this year.  
Love,  
Salvador

Dear Santa,  
I want a flat top and a Barbke and a playhouse. I



want a cat and a dog. I want a pen and a tede ber and a calendar.  
Love Natasha

Dear Santa,  
I want a movie and a small cat. I want a big dog and a ball I love Santa. I want a basketball and a football.  
Matthew

Dear Santa,  
I have been a good boy. Please bring me a scooter. I will be careful. Please bring my daddy a Harley Davidson motorcycle, too. Thanks.  
Love,  
Michael J. Age 3 1/2

Dear Santa,  
My name is Kelsey and I am 5 years old. How are you reindeer doing? For Christmas this year I would like a Barbie doll, roller skates, Lite Bright, a doll house & a Blues Clues handy dandy notebook & a pink dress. Thank You Santa.  
Love,  
Kelsey

Dear Santa,  
How are you this year. I just wanted to remind you of the people who can't afford Christmas. Please help them if you can. I would like a boy Diva star and girl and some ballerina shose. And a Barbie head. Also some gliter nails and one more thing a laptop. Mery Chirstmas Santa.  
p.s. maybe some snow. I Love You Santa,  
Olivia Gutierrez  
Age 8

Dear Santa,  
tell my brother Derek happy birthday because I'm not going to see him

this year. I know he can be a pain but he's my brother and I love him.  
P.S. tell him merry christmas  
Thank,  
Mark Gutierrez  
Age 11

Dear Santa,  
Please tell my brother Derek Happy Birthday. I didn't get to be with on his birthday. Tell him I love him and I miss him.  
Thanks,  
Jessica Gutierrez  
Age 10

Howdy Santa,  
What I want for christmas is a motor scooter. I want a water slide for my swimming pool. Also I want a pooltable and big pinball game not a small one, and give my dad a great christmas. For my best friend Aron give him what he wants.  
Love Your Biggest Fan,  
Willis Smith Jr.

Dear Santa,  
Hi, I am Arturo. I want a big truck for Christmas and clothes and a football too. I like to play with my sister's stuff so bring her some good stuff. Thank you  
Love,  
Arturo Vela Jr.

Hi Santa,  
My name is Lauren and I am 4 years old. I have been trying to be good this year, but sometimes i forgot. Sorry! I would like for christmas a make-up bag with real mak-up in it. a baby-doll that talks, and all the stuff for my new room. And a marker set with lots of colors, some clothes, a CD player with earphones and the "I'm Still Jenny from the block" CD and the "I

threw your picture away" CD. and can you bring a truck for my baby brother, a fat curling iron for my mommy and a microphone for My Daddy Turo. Thank You santa  
Love,  
Lauren Smith Age 4  
PS I will leave Oreo cookies and milk for you and the reindeers.

Dear Santa,  
My name is Orlando Ray. I am 4 years old and all I want for Christmas is a bike, a shark, a dolphin, skateboard, scooter, 3 fish, clothes, shoes, a pig, and a bed for the pig, cow, chickens, a yellow and purple low rider car, a dog, a gost, hair spray, blue clouds, a ring, sheep, camera, stereo, pens, pencils, paper, a moon, glasses, swimming pool, cokes, Santa Claus toy, stars, stocking, Baby parrot, toy car with alarm, a jacket, mittens, scarf, low rider bike, play stove for my sister Alexis and my Brother Joe Albert, pooltable, some Disney DVD's, strawberry & banana ice cream, computer and thats all i want for Christmas. Thank you Santa Claus.  
From,  
Orlando Ray Chavera

Dear Santa,  
My name is Joe Albert. I am 3 yrs. old. all I want for Christmas is a big Blue Trailer truck, remote controller car, a bike, How wheels, clothes, shoes, TV, a Nintendo 64, playstation 2, low rider car, toy tractor, Bund bed, football, skateboard, scooter, toys, and a puppy, goldfish. That all I want for Christmas. Thank you Santa Claus.

From,  
Joe Albert Chavera

Dear Santa,  
This year for Christmas I want rock-n-roll Barbie, Pochonnica with a yellow dress, a blue car, Barbie motorcycle, Cinderella doll with a castle, blue Barbie clothes, Barbie Pink bicycle, and give a Hope a boy motorcycle.  
Your Friend,  
Brookie Martin Age 4

Dear Santa,  
This year for Christmas I want someone to hold me all day, talk to me, sing me to sleep in the rock-n-chair, chaing my diaper as soon as it gets we, and make sure I have a warm bottle as soon as I get hungry. In short...see to it that Grandma makes it here for Christmas!  
Yours truly,  
Bradie McCurry age 2 months

Dear Santa,  
You do one of my favorite holidays. You do such a good job at Christmas. You are very nice. Thank you for bringing me shoes with skates last year. I want a harry Potter magic potion kit, the Harry Potter snake fighter, a scooter, a skateboard, a skateboard with a handle on it, and a Power Ranger gioan Megazord. My baby brother Jake wants a baby aquarium for his bed. My big brother Hunter wants a remote control car and he has been good. Sometimes I haven't been minding; but I try to be good. I want a remote control tank that pops up and goes in the water.  
Thank You  
Kip Williams  
5 yrs old.

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Marcy Kindergarten

Dear Santa,  
How is Mrs. Claus doing?  
Is it cold at the North pole?  
I want a Rampunsel Castle  
for my Barbies and a Barbie  
Jeep and a Barbie Bike.  
Love Julie

Dear Santa,  
Hi! What are you doing?  
How are you? Please bring  
me some barbie shoes or  
boots. Please bring me lots  
of clothes.  
I love you!  
Love, Alexis

Dear Santa,  
How are your reindeer  
doing? I would like a play  
castle and 2 back packs and  
some Pokemon cards. I also  
want 3 Power Rangers and a  
wagon. I am trying very  
hard in school.  
Love, Nathan

Dear Santa,  
I wander if you are at the  
North Pole. I want a motor-  
cycle please. Can I please  
play with brand new toys  
from Santa like a jeep and a  
truck please. Is Rudolph  
doing good with his red  
nose.  
Love, Donald

Dear Santa,  
I want a Brat and I want a  
Barbie and I want a Peachy  
Doll. I have been very good  
this year.  
Love, Brionna

Dear Santa,  
I want a Sweet Magic  
Kitchen and I want a  
Barbie. I love you. How is  
Rudolph doing with his red  
nose? See you at Christmas.  
Love, Autumn

Dear Santa,  
I love you! I want a purple  
bike and a dolly. I miss you!  
Love Brittany

Dear Santa,  
I love you and I miss you.  
Please bring me a Barbie  
Jeep and a Barbie and Kitty  
Cat too. I have been very  
good.  
Love, Mia

Dear Santa,  
Is it cold at the North  
Pole? Please bring me a  
motorcycle and a drum set  
and a fishing pole. I have  
been very good and very  
funny everyday!  
Love, Tyler

Dear Santa,  
Please bring me a dog  
and a motorcycle and a purple  
bike. I've been very good.  
My teachers thinks so too.  
Love, Miranda

Dear Santa,  
How is Rudolph feeling?  
Santa can you please give  
me a CD player with  
Brittany Spears CD and I  
wish I had a Barbie jeep and  
will you please give me a  
Barbie Kelly maker? I wish  
that I had a pet rabbit.  
Love, Jordan

Dear Santa,  
I want a Make Me Pretty  
Barbie and a Barbie cell  
phone and a Barbie CD  
player with headphones. I  
miss you and I love your  
cause you are the sweetest  
guy and my mom will let me  
sit on your lap.  
Love, Katelyn

Dear Santa,  
How is Rudolph doing  
with his red nose? How is  
Mrs. Claus doing? Please  
bring me a CD player and a  
Brittany spears CD and a  
Barbie House and a Barbie.  
Love Mercedes

Dear Santa,  
I wish for toys like cars  
and Pokemon cards and  
a bike. I've been very good.  
Love, Jonathan

Dear Santa,

I want a Barbie and some  
shoes and a baby doll with  
brown hair like my teach-  
ers. I love you!  
Love, Chelci

Dear Santa,  
Is Rudolph ready to come  
to my house? I hope you'll  
bring me a jeep and a truck  
and a tool set and a desk.  
Please bring more cotton  
cause we don't have any cot-  
ton. I've been very good.  
Love, Devon

Mrs. Tarpley's class  
Dear Santa,  
I hope you now I've bin a  
good boy. And bin helping  
my famly do stuff. and I  
hope I git a game boy  
advans for chismes. An Im  
donating stuff to the por.  
Love,  
Michael Salazar

Dear Santa,  
I love you so much! Even  
when you get us good pre-  
sents, I hated to be bad, I  
love to be good. Rely you  
don't know how much I love  
you. My brother love you to.  
Love,  
Linda Hanks

Dear Santa,  
I want a furreal for  
crismus and i hop you can  
git two of them because my  
sister wants one too. Me and  
my sister have ben veary  
good this year and eaven  
tho I am not going to be in  
my house and there is not  
going to be a crismus tree  
I'am going to selibrat it.  
Love,  
Adriela Zavala

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I would  
like a computer and a  
playstation 2 and some  
gameboy games and a lot of  
presents for the poor people  
and one of the singing flow-  
ers like Mrs. Tarpley has.  
And a lot of food for the  
poor people and a new  
sharpenor for my pencils.  
And a neckless for my mom  
and a football shirt for my  
stepdad and a shark bit for  
my brother. And a basket-  
ball shirt for my real dad  
and a ring for my step mom.  
and some cars for my other  
little brother and some  
jewlre for my little sister.  
Love,  
Alexandra Hilger

Dear Santa,  
I want to know how  
many kids do not have toys  
and what do the kids want  
for Christmas? And I want a  
real horse for Christmas.  
And for my mom and dad a  
house becues we want to  
keep my dog thar at my  
house. And for my papa and  
mimi a good nice clean  
house and for my famly a  
good Christmas and for me a  
cmputer and for my friend  
Cissae a better house for her  
famly so thay can be happy.  
Love,  
Sarah Will

Dear Santa,  
I want every won to have  
food even the por people and  
even us because we need  
food and monny. I want me  
and my family to have  
monny to. And my mom  
wants a new dishwasher  
because ours broke so can  
you bring my mom a new  
dishwasher.  
Love,  
Julia Wilson

Dear Santa,  
I want por people to get  
what they need. And they  
can die if they don't have  
what they need and I want



to give them food and  
money and presents and a  
tree they could have  
Christmas to. And for them I  
will give them what they  
want.  
Love,  
Gary Eagle

Dear Santa,  
I want a toy spaship and  
my bruther wants a car. Is  
Mrs. cios food good? Is ruod-  
of big?  
Love,  
Carlos Guterrez

Dear Santa,  
I would like a pokeman  
game of playstaition. and  
for all the poor boy's and  
girl's and parant's to have  
ten presents each like  
games, toys, cars, balls,  
bears, stuffed animals,  
stuffed toys, books to read,  
lots and lots of books, hard  
toys, soft toys, posters, back-  
packs, cloths, a playstaition  
2 and big teddy's and stifted  
lions, and big cars, small  
cars, fake cars, toy cars,  
candy cars, and candy.  
Love,  
Chris Hughes

Dear Santa,  
For Christmas I wish for I  
shrinj dink and one big  
stuffed animal. Oh, and one  
more thing, how's it like up  
ther at the North Pole? Oh  
ya, I forgot something. Can  
you bring my brother a  
rocking hores?  
Love,  
Candice Grayson

Dear Santa.,  
I want a bike for  
Christmas and a bunch of  
toys, close and a bunch of  
presents for the whole fam-  
ily and friends and the poor  
people. They do not have  
any toys at all. They do not  
have any money to by some  
close or nothing please help  
them Santa. And help us to  
and all the people in the  
world. They need help to  
like us sometimes.  
Love,  
Emily Flores

Dear Santa,

I want barby cashregister.  
And I wunder if roodof is  
rill? What is it like in the  
north pole? and I want a  
Mrs. Santa like Mrs. Tarply  
haves. And I want the pore  
people to be rich. And I  
want the pore people to have  
presents for there kids. and  
I want a singing sun flower.  
And a little tity bear.  
Love,  
Alex Fox

Dear Santa,  
I wonder what you do for  
the rest of the year? What do  
your riandeer look like? I  
wanta skooder and a skate-  
bood and I want everyone to  
have a christmas. And I want  
all the people to hav a happy  
holoday and I don't wont  
inything but I want ol of the  
porr people to be porr  
any more and I even want  
you to hav a christmas to  
like ol the rest of us becus  
every one hastto get to hav a  
chismas and I want the now  
spideer man movey and I  
want my own comeputer.  
And i wish ol my other of  
my spelling test to be a 100.  
Love,  
Deven Heffington

Dear Santa,  
I was good this year and  
so was my brother. And I  
want a moe controle car and  
a dum buggy, and I want to  
give the poor people thit  
don't get presents for  
Christmas presents. And  
one Christmas my dad got a  
lot presents and there  
nabers came over and said  
they didn't git any presents  
for Christmas so my dad  
gave them his presents. But  
the most thing I love fo  
Christmas is my family.  
Love,  
Erin Slate

Dear Santa,  
I hope you bring me a  
Herry potter and the  
chapters of secits and pleas  
breang presents for the por  
people. I haf ben good and I  
em 8 years old. Im in seced  
grad agine. And bring pore  
peope a header were thay  
can be worm and cozy and

bing them monny please. And  
food for the por. It will help  
them a lot and some  
medisin were thay wont be  
sick and I will be very  
happy if youll do that for  
the por. Thers sumthings I  
want to askk you. How is  
roodof doowing is he all-  
right? and how is dencer  
dewing? dencer is my favrit  
rander hes cool. I like  
dencer becus win I wach  
diseny and evry time wach  
the santa brothers dencer is  
funny. Wen you get sick  
santa, hou dos the slay if  
you ar sick on chismas? I  
hope you giv stuff for the  
por I hope ou give them  
monny or thay will be por for  
ever. And wen it is chris-  
mas im gowing to biy my  
dad a bick so me and him  
can rid ower biks together  
and I'm gowing to buy my  
mom a neckis that ses I love  
you. And on dads bik im  
gowing to put best dad ever  
and im gowing to buy miss  
tarply a ring.  
Love,  
Kyler Allen

Dear Santa,  
I want a go crts and i  
wunt the por peple to gits  
toyes and to and mune and I  
wunt a sone plastashin gom  
and a bun of crs and just  
toys.  
Love,  
Landon Carpenter

Dear Santa,  
I hope that my Namaw  
gets heater. And that those  
people that do not have iiny  
money gets 30 dollars so  
they can get a job and get  
some money and a  
Christmas those children  
and parins that don't even  
have homes can get a home.  
And if thy did not have iny  
close thay can get some and  
get presents for Christmas. I  
want a plastashion 2 and for  
Christmas I want them to be  
happy for all the great  
things thay get for ever and  
when thay get colectubuls  
they whill take good care of  
them.  
Love,  
Miranda Prather

Dear Santa,  
I want to know if you can  
gif me a bike and a  
playstachin and a game for  
the playstachin and a com-  
puter and a CD for it. Ples  
gif me the computer and the  
CD rome and a new gun-  
dum. Iv ben a good boy this  
year, and a micro pet and a  
gameboy with a game moreo  
plese give me thos things  
plese.  
Love,  
Jonathan Blain

Dear Santa,  
I want a toy robote and my  
brother's some cars because  
they like to play with my  
cars. I don't care I let them.  
And my sister a lot of bar-  
bey's and a barbey house.  
Love,  
Fabian Rios

Mrs. McGrievy's Class  
Dear Santa,  
I want a Barbey bike and a  
water botle on it. My sister  
wants a purple bike. My  
brother wants a race car.  
My Meme wanats a candel  
and my Pap want a boy can-  
del.  
Love,  
Shaylee Raymond

Dear Santa,  
My sister wants a new  
diar. And my little sister  
wants a cat. My mom wants  
a new car and my granma  
wants a computer. My  
Grandpa wants a new tv. I  
want a eleret air plane.  
Love,  
Auden Minjarez

Dear Santa,  
I wont a new computer  
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a big loredox.  
Love,  
Madeline Hale

Dear Santa,  
My brother wants a rodio  
and my sister wants a  
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shirt and my dad want a per  
of pants. I want a Brinty  
Spers baie weth and a reall  
puppy. I love you Santa.  
Gabi Ontiveros

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Xbox with  
tony hawk 3 and a game  
cube, spiderman with  
blaster and rush hour 2. All  
the twisted metal four game.  
I want a power ranger game.  
Love,  
Dray Smith

Dear Santa,  
I want a new brat Barbie  
and the car to go whith it.  
On and a new bike two  
wheels. And form my baby  
sister and talking Sponge  
bob and new baby doll the  
tackls. Well that is all. By  
by.  
Love,  
Celestina Martinez

Dear Santa,  
I would like a Barbie  
Pixter, Barbie volswagon,  
Barbie Murrmade, and a fics  
it flat for my bike. I also  
would like a tedy ber and a  
Polypockit and a purs and  
pujamas.  
Love,  
Amariah Fuller

Dear Santa,  
I want you to give my  
brother Ashton a new bottle  
set and my other brother a  
toy gun set and I want a  
Playstation 2 with the game  
Spiderman.  
Your friend,  
Braedyn Alaniz

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Hope the season delivers much  
good cheer and many good times.  
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Dear Santa,

My cusen Hadan is 6 years old and wants Yugia cards for Christmas. I want a toy robot with memote control and a dog. I also want a Xbox and a new tv.

Love,  
Nick Sharp

Dear Santa,

My brother wants a babby bird for Crismis. My mom wants a dimin ring and my sister wans horsele dol. I want a hape family. I want the X Box with games.

Love,  
Bobby Wells

Dear Santa,

I want toys for the pore peple and clothes, homes, parents and a happy holiday. I want makeup and a tv. Dcs, a Brat doll that comes with a car. And boys come with it. And a Playstation 2 and games. Oh the 007 game.

Love,  
Marissa Islas

Dear Santa,

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water and for arlee a watergine. chance wants a Lil Bowwow CD for Mike a toy race car. My mam wants new cios and I want a big house and more mony and for Mrs. McGrievy wants world to be peace.

Love,  
Jaycee Williams

Dear Santa,

Please bring my brother a new bike and my other brother to breang him a radio. My sister wants new shoes but nothing for me. I don't want enything. But my dogs need something

they need a new color and new bowl. My mom and well my dad a new tule box and my mom a new clothes. Thank you

Your friend,  
Danielle Cruz

Dear Santa,

I want a Playstation 2 the game Stunt Man, the spiderman web blaster and four souper nentendo the game Yohis Island 2 if thar is one! Oh a Metal Gear Solid 2 Sons of Liberty.

Your friend,  
David Durbin

Dear Santa,

My mom would like a snow globe. My brother would like fealle scope. I would like a cow girl hat and a new bed. My dad would like a suit case.

Your friend,  
Shelbi Cannon

Dear Santa,

I want a x box, a pare of soft socks, a basketball, a football, a ramote controle car and CD player, a tv and a ring for my mom.

Love,  
Ben Aguero

Dear Santa,

I want a Britney Spears doll, Mary Kate and Ashley dolls, clothes and slippers.

Your friend,  
Katrina

Dear Santa,

I wish for sum hare stuff for Christmas and a Barbe Reupunze for Christmas too. Me and my triplet brothers, my big brother and my little sester are going to make cookies for you.

Love,  
Kaylee Roberts

# I'll be home for Christmas

By JERRY R. HOUSER  
A Short Story

I'll be home for Christmas. That short phrase, no doubt, carries many different connotations to different folks throughout our fair land. To me, those words have always held a special significance due to my mother's lifelong love of that holiday season. This feeling was transmitted to my brother, sister and myself in our earliest memories and remained with us throughout our lives and, does so to this day. Like her mother, Mama Sue, my mother was a music teacher. It was her lot in life to end up in a small West Texas town with three infant children whose father had departed for Alaska in search of streams full of gold or, Lord only knows, what other rainbows might strike his fancy. The time was the early 1930s, the Great Depression was in full bloom, and she had no resources available to her other than her education in the Chicago Music Conservatory and her determination. So armed, she hung out her sign and started building a following of equally determined mothers. I, possibly like other children of that era, have always thought that our elders spawned the old saying "We'll make do" during those difficult times.

But in the eyes of young children, they were wonderful times, particularly during the Christmas season. In early December, the dog-eared storybooks would resurface and the attention of siblings and myself would shift from mumble-peg and doodle-bugs to reindeers and visions of sugarplums. But as we aged and more fully understood the mechanics of Santa's arrival, we came to a startling realization. We had no fireplace in the house, no hearth and, most importantly, no chimney. My older brother brought this dilemma to the attention of Susie and myself, which led to the disturbing conclusion — no chimney, no Santa.

Faced with three teary-eyed kids, my mother had difficult choice of dispelling the myth of Santa or accommodating us. The choice was obvious and after consultation with my uncle who was a pretty good carpenter, the problem was solved. In our family's many picture albums is a

photograph of the three Houser children and two Keller children, all in their pajamas and ringed around a hearth adorned with festive decorations. Our eyes are cast upward in anticipation of Santa's imminent arrival down the chimney and the expression on our faces says it all — we believe — we truly believe that sometime during that magical Christmas Eve night Santa will come out of that hearth. Never mind that it contains a gas stove rather than embers or that the chimney is not actually visible — we believed — because Mom, as ever, had "made do."

She and her two sisters had been raised on a farm in Mississippi and enjoyed telling us of how her father took the girls to the woods in a horse-drawn wagon to search for their annual Christmas tree. Gleefully, the girls wandered through the forest comparing pines and spruce trees as they searched for that special one with a good straight limb at the top, a full-bodied middle section and a stout, round trunk at the bottom. After much discussion between the girls and parents, they would make a family decision on which tree to select.

Mom said that meant that they would all offer their preference and advice and then their father would select the tree. After he died in the girl's teen years, they and their mother continued the tradition until they moved to town, and school, thence to their separate lives. Therefore, each year, about two weeks prior to the big day, we would all don our warmest clothes, climb into the old Hudson auto and go seek our annual tree. But, there was a basic problem in that West Texas had no pines nor spruce or virtually any other type of tree except scrub cedar. To find a tree over six or seven feet tall was a task in itself. And to compound the problem, the winds that roared across the plains would bend and twist the limbs unmercifully until they were woefully misshapen.

Thus we would all scour the barren landscape for a tree that had a good top and a good trunk. Then the search would be on for a portion of another tree with nice middle limbs that could be used to fill out the front and back of the lead tree. When Mom made the judgment that we had all the proper

parts and pieces selected, we would commence sawing, hacking and loading limbs, branches and trunks on top and in the trunk of the car. As we moved down the highway, I'm sure we were mistaken for a moving

chuckle, and a knowing glance, Ed and I explained to our wives that the sentiment was beautiful but not entirely accurate. Over the years, Mom's teaching practice flourished, we grew, the world went to war and

Texas, I saw the jungles of the Philippines, the islands of Okinawa and Formosa and the countryside of Japan.

Christmas Eve circa 1954 found me huddled under a pile of rice- and straw-filled comforters in a Japanese hostel. I munched on fudge sent by Mom and drank Saki as I tossed chunks of charcoal on a Hibachi in a vain effort to stay warm. It was a miserable evening as I tried to sort out the different time zones to determine when it was Christmas Eve in Texas. I vowed that, come what may, I would be there the next year.

What came in the next year was considerable. In fact, it was rather a tumultuous year in which our fighter squadron was jerked from a rather idyllic existence in the Philippines to the less balmy climes of Okinawa and Formosa. The Korean truce was tenuous at best as conflagrations along the demarcation line became more frequent and bloody. The Chinese communists continued their own little private war with the Chinese Nationalists who had been run from the mainland to Formosa. The Chi-coms turned up the heat by claiming territorial rights to Quemoy and Matsu and lay siege to the two insignificant little islands. The U.S. backed Chi-nats retaliated with daily bombing runs to the mainland and things appeared to be going to hell in a hand basket as the Chi-coms massed fighter squadrons and army divisions along their coastline and made

clear their avowed intention to add Formosa to their real estate holdings.

Chinese necks and U.S. prestige were on the line when the 7th Fleet sailed into the straits separating the combatants and literally drew the line down the middle of those frigid waters. The result was the fleet steamed back and forth while the navy fighters flew low cover, the Air Force fighters flew mid cover and the Chi-com MIGs flew top cover above us all. A scenario that made all of us "good-guy" pilots a little nervous to say the least. The saber rattling continued until negotiators worked out a deal which allowed the evacuation of the two disputed islands and other concessions. The fragile peace was maintained for the moment and all the players went back from whence they had come. Little did we know that the introduction of U.S. advisors into Vietnam was only five years away.

But, the year had taken its toll. I had lost four squadron compatriots, three to mid-air collisions and one who died in a low altitude bailout from his flaming Saberjet. I was tired of the dismal weather of Formosa and Okinawa and ready to go home. My tour was coming to an end and my request for leave enroute to my next duty station in Arizona was granted. The trip to the other side of the world was arduous and after two days of non-stop travel I arrived in Dallas and decided to finish the trip

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**"Yes sir, a First Lieutenant, sir."**

nursery more than once.

Arriving home, all was moved into the living room and the assembly would begin. Aided by a nail here, piano wire there and ball of twine, we shifted and adjusted each limb under Mom's direction and to the accompaniment of carols on the record player. Then, standing at a distance my mother would always declare it "perfect, the best one ever," which was our signal to start decorating our creation.

Last year, my wife, brother and his wife visited the Joyce Kilmer Wilderness to hike the path through the massive, soaring Poplar tree forest. Therein, we came upon the monument to Kilmer on which was inscribed his beautiful poem, "Trees." As we read it in unison, we came to the final moving line, "But only God can make a tree." With a

all things in our lives seemed to change.

All except our Christmas traditions. From gathering around the piano as youngsters to sing carols with Mom, we expanded to inviting a few friends, adults and children, until Christmas Eve would see 50 to 60 folks pass through our doors to visit, sing, and enjoy pastries and punch. It was truly, "the most wonderful time of the year." Understandably, Mom's feeling for the season passed on to we three kids and we always made every effort to be home for Christmas.

After my graduation from college, I entered the Air Force, subsequently pilot training and ultimately was assigned to the Far East for a tour of duty. It was during that time that I missed my first Christmas at home. Rather than the wind-swept plains of West

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by train. For the moment, I didn't want to see another transport plane.

Boarding the early morning Texas-Pacific, I slumped into a window seat and was asleep in moments. Hours later, I awoke to the smell of coffee and sway of the train. The seats opposite mine were vacant except for the one on the aisle. Therein sat a wizened little man who accepted a cup of coffee from the porter with a whispered and repeated, "I appreciate it." Accepting my cup of brew, I raised it toward the man in salutation. He nodded barely then resumed blowing on the cup and sipping from it alternately.

Wearing a Stetson hat with a curled brim, his suit had a western cut and was neat but slightly shiny. The white shirt was frayed around the collar and topped by a bandanna-style kerchief strung through a shiny silver cowhead. The latter two appeared to be rather new and I surmised that they were worn only to funerals and weddings. His boots bore signs of fresh polish but both heels and soles were worn on the outside. No doubt he walked the way he rode, bow-legged.

As I studied him, his gray-blue eyes glanced at me momentarily then back straight ahead. Long furrows creased his tan, weathered face and his gnarled hands had obviously grasped many a saddle-horn and strand of barbed wire. Short and compact, I imagined that he had probably broken a few mustangs in his time. I gauged his age could range from 40 to 65. Stoic, there was a disturbing aura of sadness about him. This time, when he glanced our eyes locked and I realized I was staring at him. Embarrassed, I mumbled something like "nice tie and head," to which he nodded and said "I appreciate it," twice.

There was a momentary silence then he leaped closer and stated, matter of factly, "You're a military, aren't you?" A bit puzzled by the expression, I explained that I was in the Air Force, thus, "Yes, I was a military." Another silence prevailed as he now studied me from head to toe. I guess I passed muster since he moved to the chair directly across from mine.

"My boy — actually my little girl's boy — is a military. His daddy was an oil-field man and took off. Then she took off looking for him and neither 'a them ever come back. So I raised him — me and Loddy-B did. She's the colored lady down the road. We raised him til he joined the military. He liked it a lot and I guess they liked him because they made him a... a... what you call it — sergeant?"

I could only nod as he continued. "Then they sent him to

Ko-rea. He didn't like that place but said they needed him there so it was Ok. He wrote me and Loddy-B a lot. He was a good boy — a hard worker — helped me string a lot of wire."

The little man lapsed into meditation for a moment and I asked where he was headed.

"We're going home to Coahoma — I've got a little spread out there." He nodded toward the window at the vast prairie lands dotted by scrub cedar, tumbleweed and cactus.

"When I heard he was coming home, I figured the least I could do was meet him in Dallas, so I did."

A bit perplexed by his remark, I looked around the coach but saw no one in uniform. I asked hesitantly, "Well, where is he now? I'd like to meet him."

The man appeared pained by the question. His lip twitched as he spoke almost inaudibly, with a jerk of his thumb, "He's back there — in the baggage car — in a box, a casket." Another twitch, then, "They said he got killed in Korea — said he was protecting some spot — some line. Them Ko-reans shot him."

Stunned by his statement, I could only offer my regrets to which he nodded his head and muttered, "I appreciate it." Then, "and I know he'd appreciate it too, you both being military, you know."

We sat in silence, both staring out the window, until on the outskirts of Big Spring, and then he cleared his throat, and spoke. "You an officer, aren't you?"

"Yes sir, a First Lieutenant, sir."

"I thought so, he sent me a picture of him and his officer. Had the same

kind of bars as is on you. Guess he was a lieutenant. They shot him too — them Ko-reans did."

Then I recalled of an article I had read in the Stars and Stripes while still on Formosa. It stated that an officer and enlisted man had been killed while on night patrol when their jeep had wandered into no-man's land. It had to have been the

before the station, I stammered as I tried to respond. I explained that I needed to spend time with my family, that my mother had an annual Christmas Eve party, that I had shopping to do, and when I ran out of excuses, he said simply, "I understand Mr. Lieutenant, but if you could, we'd sure appreciate it, me and him."

With that, we shook

The next morning was beautiful and the prospects for a wonderful day and Christmas Eve reunion with our many friends were exhilarating. The morning was filled with many phone calls, visits and errands, but as noon approached, my thoughts kept jumping to the little man as he climbed into the hearse. As I walked into the house, my mother

looked at her watch but spoke not a word.

"I'm going — I'm going," I said.

Smiling smugly she said, "Your uniform is in the closet. I took it to the cleaners between lessons and Harry did it while I waited."

"Reads me like a book," I thought, as

I pinned on wings, bars and my lone campaign ribbon. I blew her a kiss as I headed for her car and Coahoma. A quick stop at the local gas station secured me directions to the cemetery located on the edge of town.

I raced down a dusty dirt road fearful of being late for the service. Over a slight knoll, I could see an archway with a cross centered on it. Swinging around a bend, I was surprised by a large number of cars and a sizeable congregation inside the picket fence half covered with blown sand.

Stepping out, I slipped on my hat, straightened my coat and walked to the back of the group still not knowing if I was at the right funeral. Then I saw the little man sitting under the canopy with a frail black lady with graying hair and bowed head sitting beside him.

Slowly, Mr. Jones raised his head and scanned the crowd around him. As our eyes met, he raised his hand

in the same gesture as before and I saw him smile for the first time — very faintly, but a smile. When the minister concluded his prayer, the multitude of heads rose as the Army Honor Guard stepped forward and on command, fired the customary salvos. As the soulful call of Taps concluded, the color guard removed and folded the flag draped on the coffin and handed it to the sergeant-in-command. Hesitating a moment, he looked around the group then marched sharply around them and before me. He snapped a salute which I perplexedly returned as he spoke.

"Lieutenant, sir, Mr. Jones requested that, if you arrived, you make the presentation of the flag to the lady beside him. With a lump in my throat but in proper military manner, I presented the flag to the frail, gray-haired lady with tears running down her face. Then, Mr. Jones and I shook hands in his unusual fashion."

Leaning down, I said, "Appears you and your boy had a few more friends than you imagined."

With that faint little smile on his face, he responded, "Does appear so, doesn't it Mr. Lieutenant?"

That evening, I stepped outside to take a photograph through Mom's picture window. Framed by the window was my mother playing on one piano, my sister on the other and a passel of friends grouped around in song. Shades of Norman Rockwell, it was truly wonderful to be home for Christmas.

My appreciation of the moment was greatly heightened when I thought of the little man, Mr. Jones, and his boy. Then I stepped inside to the warmth of home, hearth and friends.



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same occurrence. Ashamed that I had not done so before, I extended my hand to introduce myself. His grip was like steel as he shook once and withdraw his hand, saying, "Roy Jones is mine."

Then he startled me when he spoke, "Mr. Lieutenant, do you think you could come to my boys burying? I'd hate to have him put in the ground with only me and Loddy-B there. I mean, he went to school on the bus and such kind but I never knew if he had any friends, us living out on the spread and him working with me all the time. I don't know nothing about these kind of things 'cause the only person I ever buried was my wife and it was just me and her, then. They's only one burying ground in Coahoma and they said they're gonna do it at 2 tomorry afternoon. I know he'd appreciate you being there, I mean you both being military, you know."

As the train pulled

hands again and parted.

My mother and our dear family friend, Carmena, were waiting at the train door as I stepped out and I was home. After much hugging and shouting, we convened to the station to await my duffel bag. Standing in front, I watched as a group of funeral home attendants loaded the casket into a hearse. As Mr. Jones opened the car door on the passenger side, he turned and our eyes again met. He raised his right hand just slightly in a sign of recognition, and then entered the hearse that pulled away.

"Who was that little man?" my mother asked. When I related the circumstances of our meeting and his final request of me, they asked, almost simultaneously, "Well, are you going?"

"I, don't know, there's so much I have to do and" — their disdainful looks stopped me short. "Well, I'll see what I can do." And the subject was dropped.



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Happy New Year

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